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CHANG IN OFFICE.

TWO INAUGURAL MANIFESTOES.

REFERENCE TO BOYCOTT.

The inauguration of General Chang Kai-shek as supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Revolutionary Army, proved a big event in Canton on Friday last. It is said to have surpassed in splendour the occasion when the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen was created Generalissimo, and to have been in some respects more impressive than the latter's inauguration as "President."

There was a big parade of troops, and the swearing-in ceremony took place in a big pavilion, in the presence of high civil and military officials. There were thousands of troops on parade, and the proceedings were watched by a huge concourse of spectators. After taking the oath and assuming the new post, General Chang delivered a stirring inaugural address. There was a new feature introduced when an embroidered triangular flag of blue satin, with green border, and bearing in white letters the inscription "For the People We Fight," was presented to General Chang by the Association of Farmers, Workers, Merchants and Students. Coinciding with his assumption of office, General Chang has issued a declaration to the Army, in the course of which he states that the leading of an Army and the training of soldiers are not his vocation or desire, but he takes office because the command of the Revolution must be unified.

THREE POINTS.

After analysing the troublous state of the country, which he attributes to Imperialists and militarists, General Chang lays down the three following points:

1. We shall continue to fight decisively against the Imperialists and their tools, and we shall entertain no compromise.

2. We request the soldiers of the entire country to unite to deal with our international status and to work for the Revolution with the hope of hastening the realization of the Three People's Theory.

3. We shall induce our whole army to unite with the people, turning it into a real people's army. Further, we request the people of the whole nation to share the responsibility of the Revolution.

In the course of a lengthy manifesto to the people, General Chang says:

The Kuomintang of China leads the people to carry out the National Revolution; the ever-increasing zeal of the people in participating in the National Revolutionary movement; the preservation of the Hongkong and Canton strikers in carrying on the strike which has lasted for over a year; and the recent confederation of workers, peasants and merchants; all these indicate the spirit of the co-operation of the people with the Government. If we want to accomplish the Revolution, we must unite our forces and endure temporary sufferings before permanent happiness is ours. The Kwangtung people, doubtless understand perfectly the significance of this point.

The National Revolutionary Army fights for the permanent happiness of the people. If the National Revolution is accomplished, the Three People's Theory realised, all the Party's political policies enforced, then China will be able to stand in a position of freedom and equality, and the entire nation will be free from

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FEAR OF TROUBLE AT HONAM.

DISPUTE OVER LOCAL GUARDS.

QUESTION OF CONTROL.

According to a report from Canton, there is prospect of trouble on Honam Island between opposing factions of the Local Guards, and it is feared that an armed outbreak may occur unless the authorities intervene in time.

It appears that Fung Wong Kong, a barren hillock on the island, comes under the jurisdiction of the town of Sa Wai, and some time ago the Sin Num Realty Company obtained a concession from the Provincial Treasury to level the hillock and to develop the land into residential quarters. Work has been going on for the last five years, six wide streets have been opened up and the land plotted into lots, a considerable number of houses having been erected. The place has in consequence become a popular and flourishing residential quarter.

By a charter granted to the Sin Num Realty Company, to which the older and prominent citizens of Sa Wai agreed and attached their signatures, it was stipulated that the Fung Wong Kong settlement should enjoy the right of independent control of the place, and consequently Local Guards were established. In view of the flourishing state of the settlement, Sa Wai town has advanced its claim to jurisdiction over Fung Wong Kong and demanded the control of the Local Guards.

This is now the bone of contention, and both sides are preparing to appeal to arms.

MOTOR LORRY MISHAP.

COOLIES HURT IN UNUSUAL ACCIDENT.

Piled high with crates of empty mineral water bottles one of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company's motor-lorries, which turned into Jackson Road at the Hongkong Club end shortly after eleven o'clock this morning, took the corner too violently, and thousands of bottles, with three luckless coolies were thrown into the roadway.

Coolies, lemonade bottles, tonic water bottles and crates were mixed in a scene of indescribable confusion extending for about ten yards along the road.

The coolies were badly cut about the face and body and were immediately sent for treatment.

A small Studebaker car was parked outside the Hongkong Club, but fortunately it was not in any way damaged, in spite of the fact that broken bottles were piled against the offside rear wheel.

The accident is simple of explanation. It is to be presumed that the vehicle took the turn at a good speed and the natural sway of the crates, combined with the top weight of the coolies, threw those at the rear into the road.

HINDU-MOSLEM OUTBREAK.

A FURTHER CALCUTTA INCIDENT.

Calcutta, July 11. There has been a serious Hindu-Moslem outbreak in one of the suburbs. Large numbers of Moslems rushed from a Mosque and attacked a Hindu religious procession escorting a car with idols. Fifteen Hindus were injured and sent to hospital. The car was damaged. Police were quickly on the spot and controlled the situation.—*Reuter*.

Police headquarters state that they have no further information to give with regard to their enquiries into the recent incident at the Cenotaph, when the flags were torn down and the Easna flower-bowl smashed.

FUNDS OF WAR.

CANTON GOVERNMENT SCHEMES.

MORE OFFICIALS' LEAVE.

The Canton authorities are still busily engaged in efforts to raise funds for the Northern expedition. The proposal to raise the entire sale licence fees in Canton from \$30,000 to \$45,000 a year is being objected to, by the *Laas* engaged in this trade, and a suspension of business is being threatened. In case the market ceases to handle cattle from the districts and no new *laas* is opened to replace the present one, there will be a beef famine in Canton.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Commissioner of Finance, has again written to the four leading commercial guilds in Canton asking them to subscribe \$50,000 to the Kuomintang war bonds. He has accordingly sent the bonds to the guilds, intimating that he expects cash for the amount named within the next few days.

As another means of raising war funds for the Kuomintang, it is believed that district agencies of the Kuomintang—including all the district magistrates—have been empowered to exempt coolies from war transportation service by paying five dollars each in lieu of being impressed for service.

OFF TO SHANGHAI.

Mr. Chang Ching-kiang acting Chairman of Kuomintang since the retirement of Mr. Wang Ching-wei and until he was replaced last Wednesday by General Chang Kai-shek, who is now chief of the civil as well as military officers in Canton, has left for an unknown destination, but it is believed by some that he is on his way back to Shanghai. Mr. Chang was at one time an associate of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen in revolutionary activities in the earliest period of the Chinese Revolution.

A number of officers in Canton who have more or less associated with Dr. C. C. Wu, General Wu Tchen, and former officials who have disagreed with General Chang Kai-shek, has not been seen in Canton for the past few days. Amongst these are General Auyang Lei, commanding the 17th Army Division; and Mr. Ho Ping-ping, Chief of Detective of the Canton Police Force. It is feared that some of the senior officers of the Army are being disaffected, and General Chang Kai-shek is reported to have given special orders to his secret service agents to have a close watch kept over certain officers.

Mr. Tam Ping-shan has left the city for Moscow. He departed several days ago. It is understood that the Communists programme of organisation and propaganda in South China, under present circumstances, requires some modification, and Mr. Tam's trip may have something to do with this.

THE RESTAURANT STRIKE.

The Canton Merchants Association, acting on behalf of the proprietors of the restaurants and tea-shops in Canton, is asking the Government to advise the several Labour Unions to modify their demands. One of the demands of the waiters and the cooks is to be given the receipts from all the side-dishes and napkins. It is the custom of the Chinese restaurants, in addition to the principal items of food, to furnish smokes, tea, napkins, fruit, cold drinks, and the like before or after dinner. Under the old practice, the proprietors shared part of this income, but now the workers wish to have it all. The restaurants and tea-shops now have suspended business, pending an adjustment of this difficulty. To those depending on entertainments as a part of their life, the closing down of the high-class public places has been a great inconvenience.

THE FRENCH DEBT QUESTION.

EX-SERVICE MEN APPEAL TO AMERICA.

CAILLAUD FOR LONDON.

Paris, July 11.

A party of blind and disabled ex-service men, carrying flags headed a procession of disabled ex-service men, organised as an appeal to America to grant a more lenient debt settlement. The streets were lined by large crowds.

The procession stopped at the statue of Washington and deposited a wreath composed of flowers of Franco-American colours and also a plaque inscribed with an appeal to Americans to re-open the debt question, and not consent to an agreement which will result in French ruin and loss of independence.—*Reuter*.

ANGLO-FRENCH NEGOTIATIONS.

Rugby, July 11.

The French Ambassador in London yesterday completed arrangements for the visit of the French Finance Minister M. Caillaux, who, it is stated, will fly from Paris to-morrow to resume negotiations with the Chancellor of Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, for a settlement of the French Debt.

It is not anticipated that the visit will extend much beyond 24 hours. In view of the provisional Caillaux-Churchill agreement of last year, under which France undertook to pay an average annuity of £12,500,000 over a period of 62 years, and of recent exchanges between the British Treasury and M. Puyanne, Financial Attache at the French Embassy in London, it is generally believed that the outstanding difficulties may be disposed of and an agreement signed, in time to permit of M. Caillaux's return to Paris on Tuesday.—*British Wireless*.

SULTAN VISITS PARIS.

AN OFFICIAL WELCOME.

Toulon, July 11.

The Sultan of Morocco has arrived aboard the cruiser Paris in order to attend the inauguration of a new Moslem mosque in Paris and other ceremonies celebrating the victory over Abu-el-Krim. The cruiser was received by a salute of twenty-one guns. Representatives of President Doumergue and M. Briand boarded the cruiser and welcomed the Sultan and M. Steeg.—*Reuter*.

VILLAGE ATTACKED.

VICTIM DIES IN HONGKONG.

News of an attack by robbers on the village of Tongshan, in the Taiping district, has been brought to Hongkong through the escape of one of the villagers. This man, who has since died from stab wounds in the Government Civil Hospital where he was admitted after his arrival, stated that the attack occurred on Friday last. The village was looted and a number of its inhabitants were killed or injured by robbers.

CORHAM'S FLIGHT.

DECISION TO PROCEED ON TUESDAY.

Basra, July 11.

Mr. Alan Corham will leave here on Tuesday, accompanied by an Air Force Mechanic, Sergeant Ward, having decided not to wait for the mechanic whom the De Havilland Company is sending out.—*Reuter*.

PADANG 'QUAKE.

DETAILS OF BIG DISASTER.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE.

The Batavia correspondent of the *Singapore Free Press*, writing under date of the 3rd instant, gives some graphic details of the earthquake in the Padang Highlands. He says:

Once again a terrible national catastrophe has visited the Netherlands East Indies and this time the Padang Highlands, that beautiful tourist resort of Sumatra's West Coast, is the scene of the disaster. The numerous telegrams have given details of the damage and the loss of human lives but now that a few days have passed it is possible to give a more detailed account of the calamity.

THE FIRST SHOCKS.

On the 28th June, heavy shocks were felt at Padang at about 10 a.m. which caused the inhabitants to rush out of the houses and offices. At 2 o'clock a further shock was felt, which was also followed by a general exodus from the buildings. On this occasion two old-wooden houses and a brick house collapsed. During the day further shocks were felt but the material damage to the buildings was confined to cracks in the walls. The shocks were so heavy that in some houses cupboards toppled over. The building of the Court of Justice and the barracks were seriously damaged.

At Padang Pandjang, where the shocks were more severe, practically all brick houses collapsed and the inhabitants were forced to camp out in the open air. To make matters worse it rained the whole night to add to the misery of the unfortunate victims. The station, post office and the market sheds collapsed whilst the house of the assistant resident was rendered uninhabitable. The chemist Schmidt was buried under the ruins of his house and was killed. The number of dead and wounded is not yet known. The material damage is enormous.

DWELLINGS COLLAPSE.

The disaster at Padang Pandjang occurred as a result of the shock at about 2 o'clock; all the officers' dwellings collapsed and the barracks are uninhabitable. In addition the school is completely destroyed and the hospital partly in ruins. Solok was also visited by the disaster but so far little is known of the fate of this town; communications were broken in all directions so that little news has been received from the inland villages. Only material damage was done to Sawahlentoh and the mines are luckily undamaged. The villages Kinari Tjoepak, and Kotaanam at the foot of the Talang have been completely destroyed. Enormous material damage was done at Fort de Kock where more than 70 buildings collapsed. The number of victims is as yet unknown. Pajacombo, was also seriously damaged.

All communications between Padang and Padang Pandjang were interrupted; the train can only proceed as far as Kandang Ampat, at the entrance to the Ancl Cleft. In the cleft itself numerous landslides have taken place whereby the roads have been rendered impassable. All the reports point to Padang Pandjang having been the most severely visited probably owing to the working of the volcano Talang. On the 30th of June further shocks were felt. Food supplies have been sent from Padang to the devastated districts. Considerable anxiety is felt regarding a number of persons who, whilst on holiday, climbed the Merapi and of whom nothing further has been heard.

BLUE FUNNEL ARMS SEIZURE.

GREASER SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS.

WATCHMAN'S GOOD WORK.

Smart work by a watchman in the employ of the Blue Funnel line led to the capture shortly after midnight on Saturday morning of a Chinese greaser and the seizure of 43 Luger pistols, a German machine-gun and 4,500 rounds of ammunition.

The watchman saw a man with a parcel acting suspiciously on the deck of the s.s. Philoctetes. He followed him to his quarters and seized him, later reporting the matter to the Chief Officer, Mr. F. E. Taylor. The latter opened the parcel and found the pistols, and later discovered the remainder of the articles mentioned.

The story came out when the greaser was charged at the Magistrate's court this morning with unlawful possession.

Inspector Fallon conducted the case for the prosecution, while Mr. L. R. Andrews appeared in the interests of Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co.

Considerable evidence was taken, and Inspector Fallon mentioned that the first fireman had been missing from the Philoctetes since the morning of the seizure.

The defendant denied knowledge, but he was found guilty and sentenced to four years' imprisonment with hard labour.

BANK MAN'S ARREST.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST ACCOUNTANT.

Bombay, June 26.

L. Evans, accountant of the local branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who was en route to England and was arrested at Aden on the charge of the defalcation of over five lakhs, was brought to Bombay by this week's mail steamer Razmak.

Evans landed wearing a melancholy look and as soon as he caught sight of the Press photographers, cleverly evaded the cameras. He was taken to the Police Court within a few hours of his arrival. The Bank's agent was present, but neither so much as cast a look at each other.

The charges preferred were criminal breach of trust and the falsification of accounts in respect of five lakhs, Rs. 40,000 of which nothing has been recovered so far.

Inspector Hirst presented an application for a remand. The accused, questioned if he had any objection, nodded in the negative. The Magistrate remanded the accused till July 10th.—*Exchange*.

PORTUGUESE POLITICS.

GENERAL DA COSTA LIBERATED.

Lisbon, July 11.

General Da Costa has been liberated and will be given a confidential mission abroad.—*Reuter*.

Later.

General Da Costa has embarked on a warship for the Azores.—*Reuter*.

The Observatory report states that the Northern depression has filled up and that a depression is shown over the north-west portion of the China Sea. The weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—South-west or variable winds; fine to cloudy.

PRAYA SHOOTING.

CONSTABLE TO BE CHARGED.

MANSLAUGHTER COUNT.

The enquiry conducted into the circumstances surrounding the death of a Chinese, who was shot dead, by a Chinese constable on a sampan, was concluded at the Central Magistracy this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major C. Willson, sitting together. As the result of the finding of the jury, Mr. Lindsell directed that the constable be charged with manslaughter.

Mr. T. H. King, who was present with Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg for the Crown, said he had no further evidence to offer.

USE OF FIREARMS.

A paper handed to the Bench by the jury asked whether the administrative department of the police was quite satisfied that Chinese constables were conversant with the orders issued to them for the use of firearms when on duty.

Mr. King explained they had orders which had been produced and explained to them, and they were given instruction both in the training school and by visiting Chinese inspectors and sergeant majors.

Mr. Lindsell asked if he was satisfied that reasonable steps were taken to make them conversant with the orders.

Mr. King replied that that was so. The senior native officers visited various out-stations to instruct the men in the standing orders, and new orders as they came out.

PROTECTION FOR PEDESTRIANS.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that in the particular case with which they were dealing, the evidence showed that the constable had a very reasonable knowledge of the circumstances in which he could use his firearms. Mr. Lindsell then went on to sum up, and prefaced the summing-up by remarking that the case was one of considerable importance both to the general public and to police officers. The ordinary man in the street, when going about his ordinary vocations, must be protected from the reckless use of firearms, by police acting without reasonable cause for suspicion. On the other hand, constables must not be discouraged from using their revolvers under circumstances which the law allowed them to do so.

The circumstances in which a police officer could use a firearm to make an arrest, he thought, had been brought clearly out in the evidence. The only point they were concerned with was one in which a person, reasonably suspected of murder or felony was escaping. In such a case if the person shot at were killed, then homicide as held by law was justifiable.

Dealing with the evidence, Mr. Lindsell said it was to the effect that the men had no idea that the police were trying to stop them. They heard a police whistle blown, and also heard shots, but they did not connect it with themselves. It was only when they got back to the junk that the deceased was found to be shot dead. That evidence was corroborated as far as it went.

UNSATISFACTORY EVIDENCE.

The evidence of the police put a different light on the case. It was unfortunate that the interpreter at No. 7 Police Station, where a report was made, could not remember exactly what passed during the recording of the report, and it was more unfortunate that two boatwomen had disappeared. The evidence of the constable who fired—C. 882—was not altogether satisfactory. He had some suspicion in his mind that the bags which he saw might have contained stolen goods, and the terms of his report at No. 7 Police Station immediately afterwards emphasised that. At the last hearing, he committed himself

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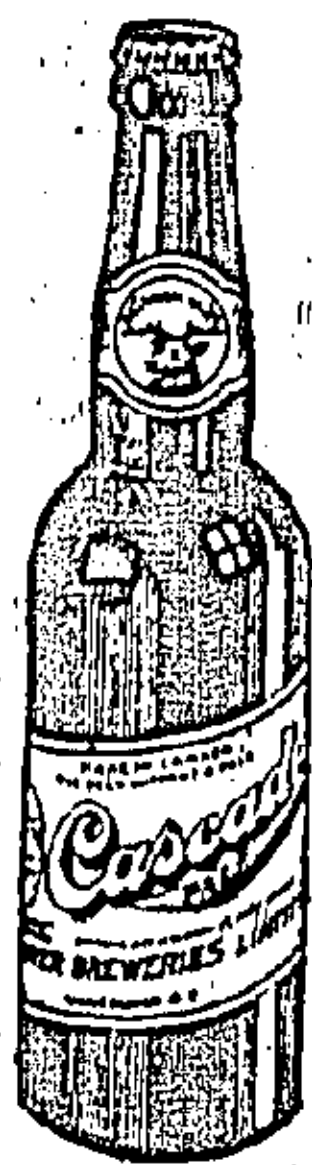
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CALEDONIAN INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Caledonian Insurance Company, the oldest Scottish insurance company in the world, held its 121st annual meeting at the company's offices in Edinburgh on May 6 last. The report of the Directors shows that in the Life Department there was a satisfactory record of progress during the year. New business consisted of 1649 policies. The claims by death were considerably less than those for 1924.

The life-interest revenue made the substantial advance of close upon £22,000, and the average interest rate, after deducting income tax, earned on the funds, was £5 1s. 11d. per cent. as compared with £5 0s. 4d. per cent for 1924.

In the Fire Account there was a material addition to the premium income, the increase being roughly £83,000 or nearly ten per cent. in excess of the premiums for 1924. The ratio of losses to premiums was 52.52 per cent.

In the personal accident, employers' liability, and general departments the premiums amounted to £349,627, 6s. 3d., and the losses to £196,837, 6s. 5d. Sums amounting in all to £15,000 have been transferred from these Accounts to Profit and Loss Account.

Marine Department.

The Marine Premiums for 1925, after deducting Returns, Re-insurances and Commission, amounted to £137,496, 9s. 1d. The claims paid in respect of the year 1925 were £33,170, 1s. 9d., and the claims in respect of the year 1924, including an ample provision for outstanding and contingent losses, amounted to £64,903, 7s. 8d. The sum of £15,000 has been carried to the Profit and Loss Account, leaving a balance of £182,199, 15s. 9d. standing at the credit of the Marine Fund.

There was £217,222, 8s. 2d. to the credit of the Profit and Loss account. Out of this balance the Directors recommend that a sum of £5,000 be carried to the Staff Insurance and Pension Fund, and that a Dividend be declared at the rate of Fifteen Shillings per Share, subject to deduction of Income Tax, to be paid by equal half-yearly instalments on 15th May and 15th November next. The Dividend at the above rate amounts to £76,755, and together with the transfer of £5,000 will absorb £81,755, leaving a balance of £135,473, 8s. 2d. to be carried forward.

CHINESE THEATRICALS.

NOTED ACTOR APPEARING
HERE.

The Wing Wo Company, managing the Ching Yin Chow theatrical troupe, presented at the Taiping Theatre, beginning July 12th, were hosts at a banquet at the Ching Tin Restaurant, West Point, on Saturday evening, to enable the press of Hongkong to meet the noted actor Mr. Ching. More than 50 members of the local press were present. Speeches were made by the hosts and the guests. Mr. Kwan Cho-pok of the Wah Tze Pao spoke for the press. Mr. Ching, the actor, responded to greetings.

Mr. Ching is supported by a company of more than 70 well-known actors, whose names are household words in North China, and the Taiping Theatre has been rearranged to suit the occasion. The troupe of Mr. Ching is just as good as that of Mei Lan-fong, who appeared here some years ago. Mr. Ching was a pupil and understudy of Mei Lan-fong for several years.

U. S. NAVAL DISASTER.

FATAL EXPLOSION AT ARSENAL.

Morristown, N.J., July 10. Many marines are reported to have been killed and injured by an explosion of a magazine in the United States Naval Arsenal at Lake Denmark. The inhabitants of the neighbouring towns have been ordered to evacuate their homes. —*Reuter's American Service.*

New York, July 11. Lake Denmark was the Navy's largest storage depot, the huge quantities of live shells giving it the status of a war reserve plant. Five hours after the catastrophe, shrapnel was still bursting. Rescuers were unable to approach nearer than half a mile owing to the intense heat and smoke.

There has been a continuous series of explosions of tons of powder and high explosive shells, audible for twenty-five miles.

It is ascertained that Lieut. Commander Edward Brown, of the Medical Corps, has been killed. Hitherto fifty victims have been sent to hospital. It is believed the wives and children of marines are among the missing. The barracks in the centre ring of magazines were destroyed. —*Later.*

The Navy Department has been advised that the naval ammunition depot at Lake Denmark, Dover, New Jersey, was struck by lightning. About two thirds of the personnel are missing.

A report from Dover, New Jersey, reported that out of eighty officers and men stationed at the Ammunition depot only a score were accounted for after the explosion, which not only wrecked the arsenal but also thirty houses and Mount Hope, two miles away. —*Reuter's American Service.*

SUBMARINE VICTIMS.

DIED AT THEIR POSTS.

New York, July 10. President Coolidge, in a statement, said that he was informed that when the hull of the S51 was explored, it was found that every man had died at his post, doing what he could to save the ship. The President paid a tribute and said the men could not have been greater heroes if they had died in action.

18 Bodies Removed. Eighteen of the bodies, of which six have not been identified, have now been removed from submarine S51. They were placed in steel caskets and taken to the mortuary. The bereaved families were not allowed to see the bodies, which were identified by means of rings, teeth, and tattoo-marks.

Mr. Curtis D. Willbur, Secretary of the Navy, personally congratulated the personnel of the salvage crew. —*Reuter.*

CHOLERA IN SINGAPORE.

EUROPEAN LADY INFECTED
ON S. S. ERINPURA.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, July 10. The S. S. Erinpura, of the British India Steam Navigation Company, left here for Rangoon, leaving behind the chief engineer, who was attacked by cholera.

Mrs. Hamilton, wife of Mr. A. W. B. Hamilton, who was also attacked by the disease, on the same steamer, died here to-day.

A local Japanese has also fallen victim. These are the first cases this year.

PIECE GOODS.

GUILD CONSIDERS THE NEW CONTRACT.

A meeting of the Piece Goods Guild was held last evening at the Guild's premises in Jervois Street, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of thrashing out the new contract proposal.

Mr. Li Fai-kum, Manager of the Yee On Piece Goods Store, presided, and there were present more than forty members.

The first question discussed was clause No. 3 in the contract proposed by the Guild, which reads as follows:

"Not less than four months clearance, including free godown, insurance, etc. will be allowed from date of arrival on sale from stock after which date the Buyers shall pay 6% per annum, which shall cover interest, storage and all other charges."

Proposed by Mr. Li Fai-kum, and seconded by Mr. Kwan Yik-lum, the motion for the increase of the interest rate to 8% per annum was passed unanimously.

The second question was regarding clause No. 9, regarding the appointment of two arbitrators, in case of any dispute arising in regard to quality, shade, finish, designs, packing, delivery, etc., which cannot be settled amicably. The motion that the Guild should

A BATHING FATALITY.

CHINESE YOUTH DROWNED YESTERDAY.

Several Chinese boys were bathing from the railway pier, near the Kowloon ferry wharf, yesterday afternoon, when one of them got into difficulties. His companions went to his assistance, but before they could reach him he sank and was drowned.

After an hour, the body was recovered and taken to the Mortuary. Deceased was 16 years old.

have the right of appointing one foreigner as its arbitrator was also carried unanimously.

The third question related to clause No. 5, regarding the refund of interest to the buyers by the sellers in case they take delivery of any goods prior to the clearance period of four months. It was resolved that the refund of interest be at the rate of 8% per annum.

The last point was, in case of any strike or disturbance in Kwangtung, which prevents buyers from sending their goods to the interior, the buyers have the right to cancel the contract. The motion was passed unanimously.

FIBRE FROM WEEDS.

TEXTILE INDUSTRY MAY BE REVOLUTIONISED.

London, July 11. Far reaching claims are made by an Indian, Doctor Nanji, of Birmingham, and Doctor Patron of the Bristol University, for a new process of making natural vegetable fibres into a more useful textile. The manufacturers claim to make a fibre suitable for the existing spinning and weaving machinery from tropical growths hitherto considered rank weeds. If the dream is fulfilled the whole textile industry might be revolutionised and made more prosperous. —*Reuter.*

PORTUGUESE POLITICS.

DA COSTA IMPRISONED.

Lisbon, July 11. The new Government being unable to obtain from Da Costa the transmission of his powers as President, has resolved to imprison him in a fortress near Lisbon. His aides-de-camp are in custody on board a warship. —*Reuter.*

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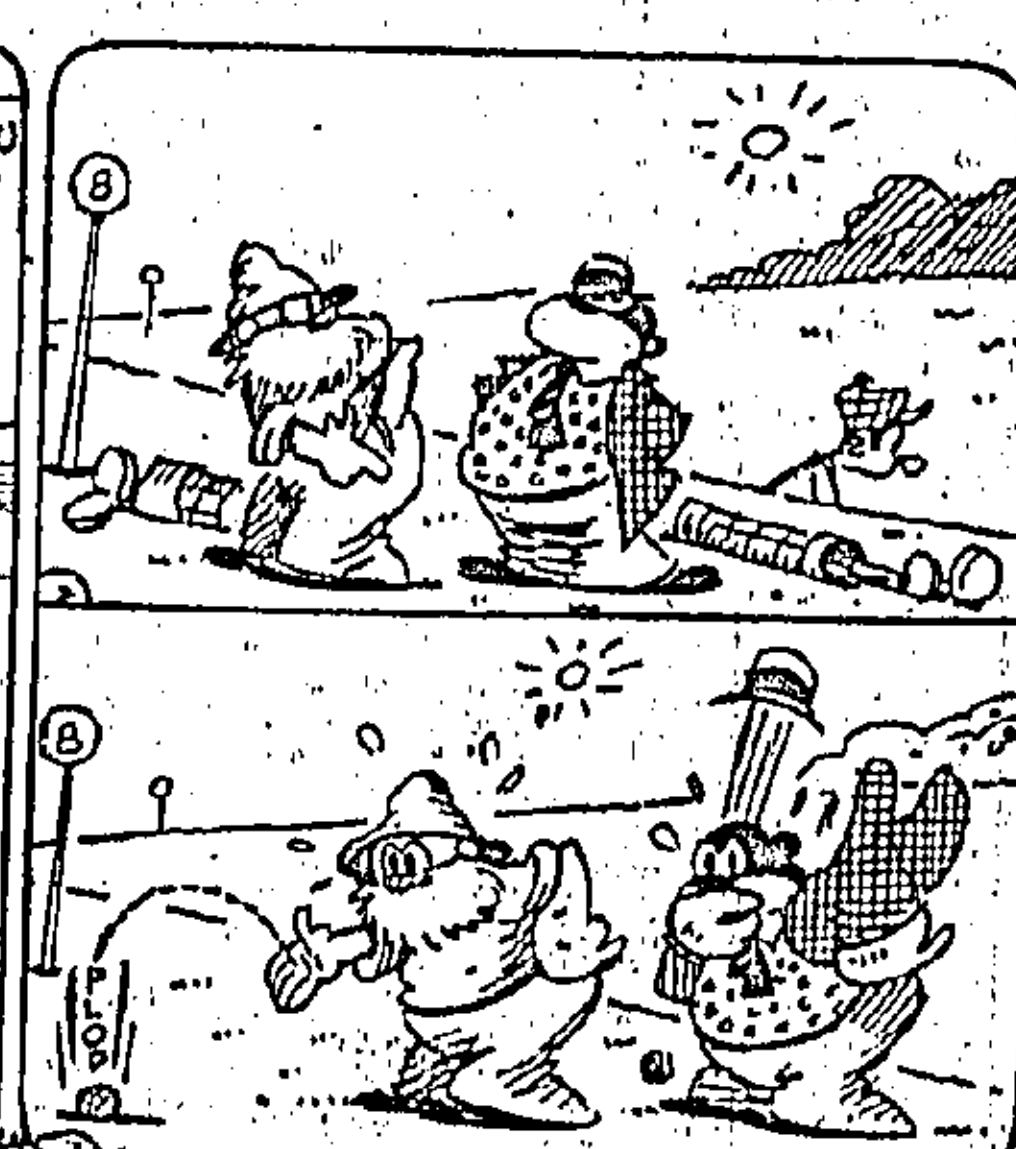
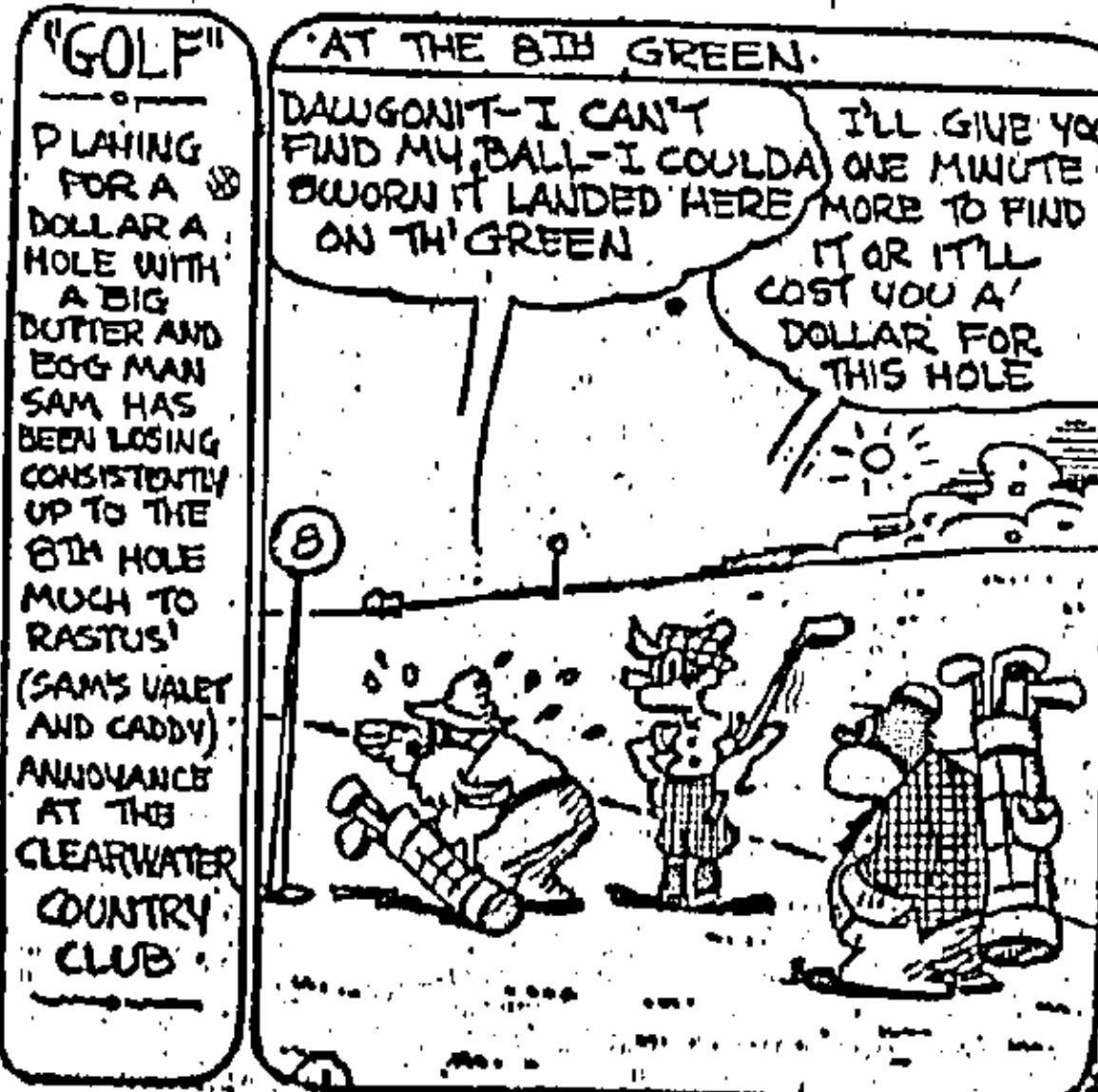
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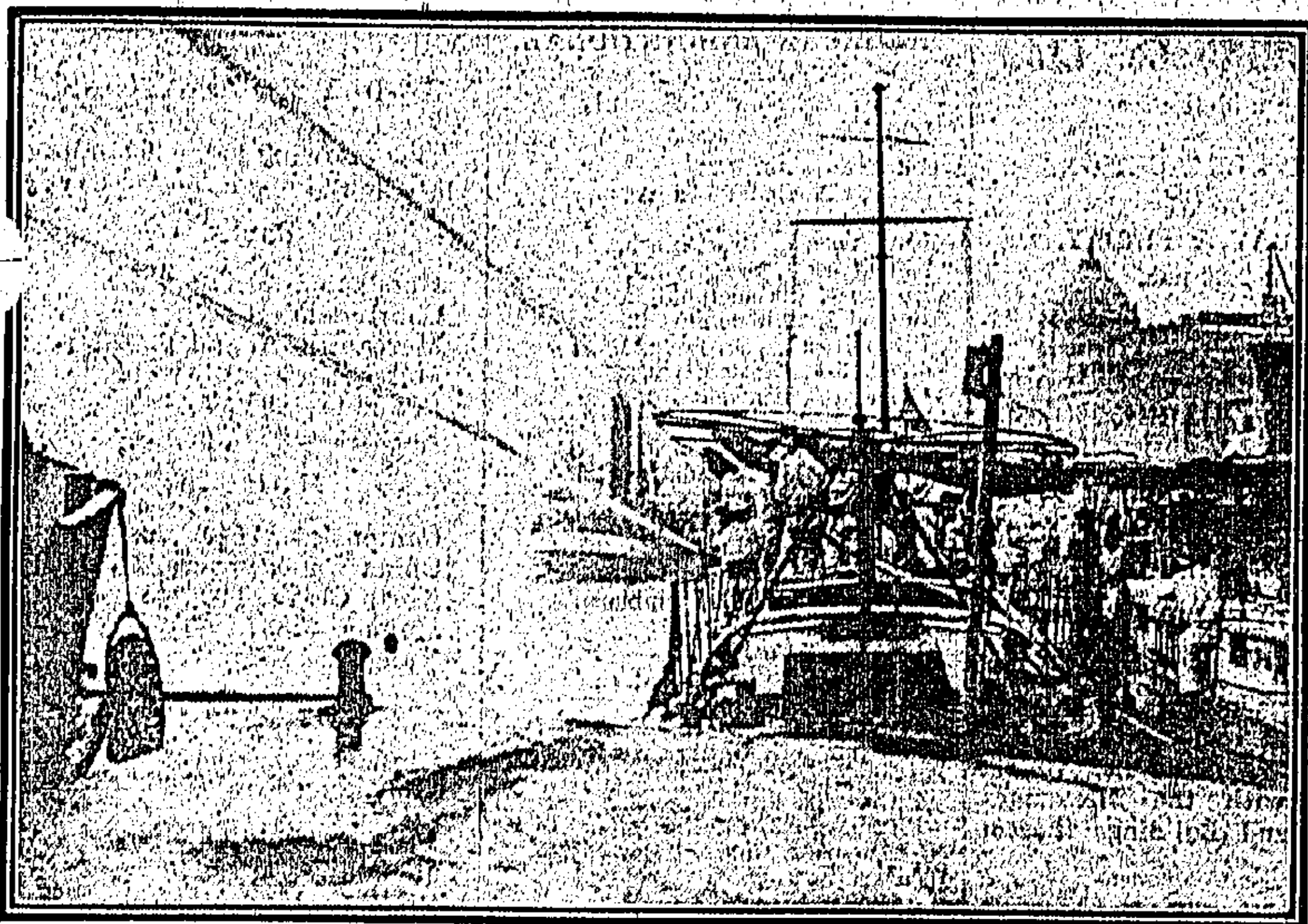
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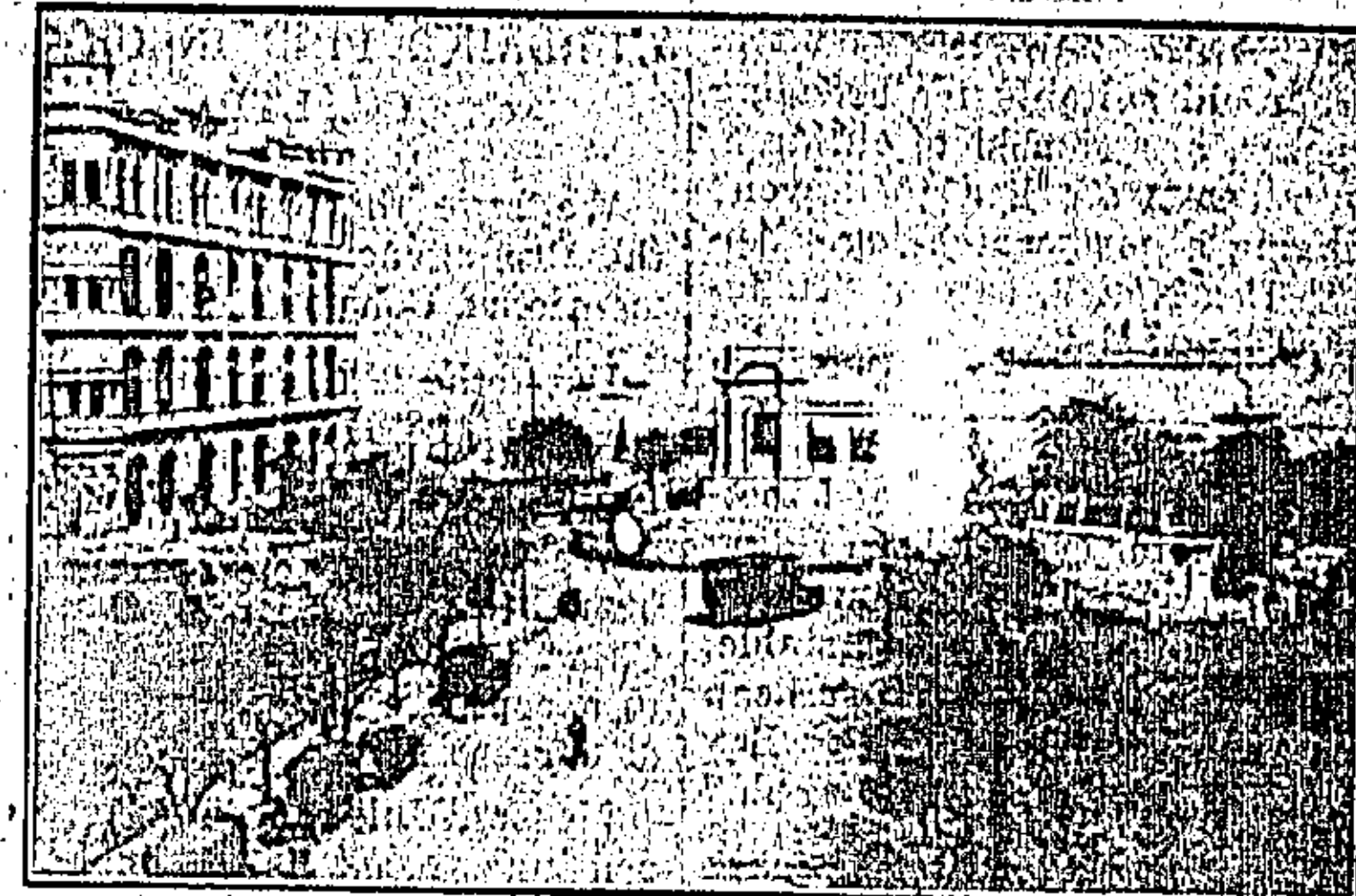
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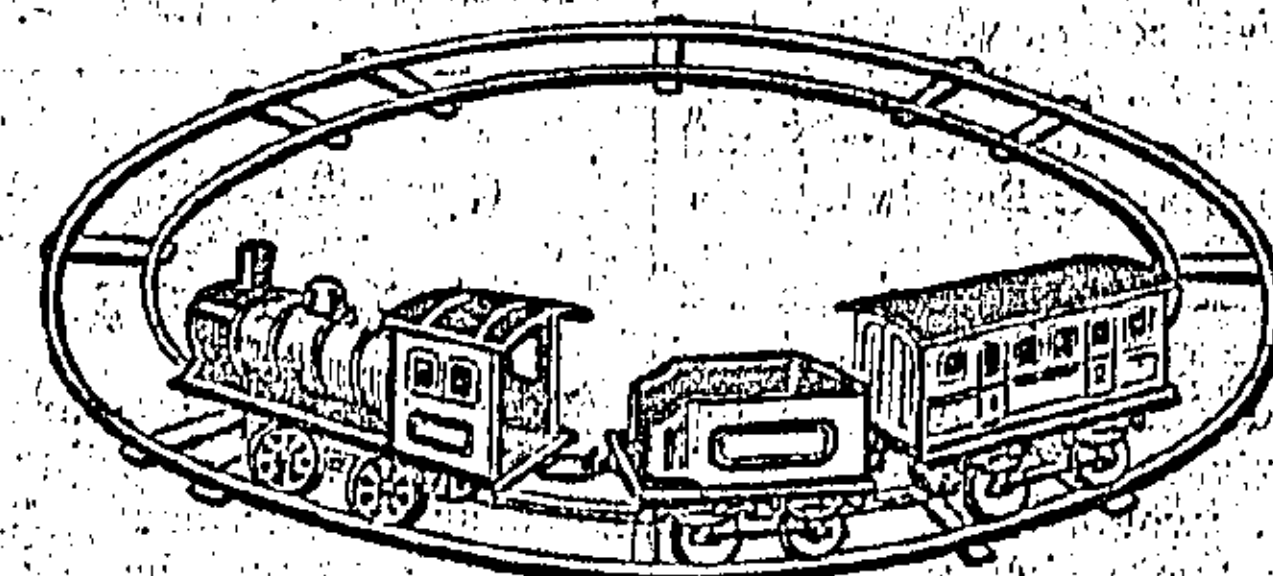
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NOTICE.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

Mr. George Willis Grey, F.S.I., Chartered Architect, has been placed in charge of the Architectural Department of this Company, as on and from the 1st July, 1926, in the place of Mr. W. D. Goodfellow, whose service with the Company concluded on the 30th June, 1926.

For and on behalf of the
Hongkong Realty and Trust
Company, Ltd.,
J. SCOTT HARSTON,
Chairman.

Hongkong, July 10, 1926.

NOTICE.

ASSURANCE FRANCO-ASIATIQUE.

L'URBAINE FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

We have this day relinquished the fire agencies of the above mentioned Companies:

Dated the 12th, day of July, 1926.

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Messrs. Union Trading Co., Ltd. continue to act as Marine Insurance agents for the Assurance Franco-Asiatique.

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C. G. ANDERSON,

Branch Manager.

Dated the 12th, day of July, 1926.

NOTICE.

On Wednesday 14th July on the occasion of the French National Day, the Consul for France will be "At Home," at his residence, 13, Peak Road, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., to the Members of the French Community, British Officers, Foreign Colleagues and Friends, who may wish to call on that occasion.

The Chancery of the Consulate will be closed all day on the 14th July, 1926.

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON TAXICAB CO., LTD.

The Third Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the office of the Company, 35 Des Voeux Road Central, on Tuesday the 20th of July, 1926, at 12 noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of Account and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th April, 1926.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday the 10th of July, 1926, to Tuesday the 20th of July, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
A. H. ROWE,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 9th July, 1926.

G. R.
NOTICE.

Written applications are invited for the post of Boarding Officer Harbour Department. Successful applicant will be required to act as Master of "Kau Sing" in addition to his other duties.

Applicants should be of British nationality and must hold a Board of Trade Certificate of Competency as Master. They should not be more than 35 years of age.

Salary will be £350 rising to £450 per annum by increments of £10 annually paid in dollars according to scale laid down in the Government General Orders.

Free quarters and uniform will be provided. Applications to be addressed to The Harbour Master, Hongkong, enclosing references. Hongkong, July 8, 1926.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

4, Duddell Street.
If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

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BY ORDER OF THE MOTORGAGES.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th inst. at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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Mr. L. E. S. HODGE,

The Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 18th June 1926.

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Please apply to the Cashier.

Hongkong, May 6, 1926.

U.S.A. BASEBALL

AMERICAN AND NATIONAL LEAGUES.

New York, July 10. The baseball results for the past week are as follow:

National League.

Saturday.
New York 4, Brooklyn 3.
New York 2, Brooklyn 9.
Boston 1, Philadelphia 4.
Boston 2, Philadelphia 3.
Pittsburgh 12, St. Louis 3.
Chicago 6, Cincinnati 2.
Chicago 3, Cincinnati 0.

Sunday.
New York 4, Boston 5.
Brooklyn 11, Philadelphia 2.
Chicago 2, Pittsburgh 0.
St. Louis 2, Cincinnati 7.

Monday.
New York 3, Philadelphia 3.
New York 4, Philadelphia 5.
Boston 5, Brooklyn 4.
Boston 5, Brooklyn 14.
St. Louis 0, Cincinnati 4.
Pittsburgh 4, Chicago 1.
Pittsburgh 7, Chicago 10.

Tuesday.
Pittsburgh 0, Chicago 3.
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago 2.
St. Louis 2, Cincinnati 5.

Wednesday.
Boston 2, Brooklyn 6.
Boston 1, Brooklyn 5.
Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 7.
St. Louis 11, Cincinnati 2.

Thursday.
Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 10.

Friday.
Cincinnati 4, New York 7.
Cincinnati 1, New York 4.
Chicago 7, Brooklyn 3.
Pittsburgh 9, Philadelphia 3.
St. Louis 2, Boston 1.

American League.
Saturday.
Washington 4, New York 5.
Philadelphia 12, Boston 4.
Philadelphia 3, Boston 6.
Detroit 5, Cleveland 7.
St. Louis 3, Chicago 8.

Sunday.
Washington 4, New York 4.
[Rain stopped play].
Cleveland 1, St. Louis 2.
Detroit 2, Chicago 7.

Monday.
Philadelphia 2, New York 1.
Philadelphia 6, New York 3.
Washington 7, Boston 4.
Washington 3, Boston 2.
Chicago 2, Cleveland 4.
Chicago 3, Cleveland 0.
Detroit 3, St. Louis 6.

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Detroit 2, St. Louis 5.
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New York 3, Cleveland 2.
Boston 0, Detroit 9.
Philadelphia 4, Chicago 3.
Washington 3, St. Louis 4.

Reuter's American Service.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.

Hongkong, \$1,110 n.
Chartered, \$201 b.
Mercantile A. and B., \$301 n.
Mercantile C., \$133 n.
P. and O., \$291 b.
East Asia, \$83 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$640 n.
China Underwriters, \$180 n.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Unions, \$238 b.
Yangtze, \$373 b.

Fire Ins.

China Fires, \$200 b.
Hongkong Fire, \$590 b.

Shipping

Douglases, \$25 b.
Steamboats, \$261 n.
Tugs, \$21 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$40 n.
Shell Trans., \$1/— sa.
Star Ferries, \$661 n.
Waterboats, \$15 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$241 b.
Malabons, \$34 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$1.50 b.
Kailans, \$1/— n.
Langkats, Tls. 23 sa.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 5.25 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 7 n.
Raub, \$5.00 sa.
Tronohs, 65/- n.
Ural Caspian, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$121 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$541 b.
Hongkew, Tls. 170 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5.30 b.
Shanghai Docks Tls. 108 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$10.95 b.
H.K. Lands, \$65 b.
Realty, \$5.90 b.
Territorials, \$5 n.
Developments, 15 cents s.
Humphreys, \$141 b.
Princes Bldgs, \$90 b.
Rural Lands, \$11 b.

Cottons.

Ewos Cottons, Tls. 9.25 s.
Orientals, Tls. 2.70 sa.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 51 n.
Buses, Trams etc.
China Buses, \$101 b.
Tramways, \$25.10 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$161 b.
Spore Tractions 12/- s.
Taxis, \$31 sa.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$111 n.
Canton Icos, \$71 n.
Cements (Comb.), \$14 n.
China Lights, \$21 sa.
China Prov., \$6.05 b.
Constructions, \$21 n.
Dairy Farms, \$17.10 sa.
Der A. Wing, \$6 sa.
H'kong Electric, \$68 b.
Macao Electric, \$35 n.
Ropes (Comb.) \$26 sa.
Lane Crawfords, \$9 n.
Mackintosh, \$191 n.
Sinceres, \$11 n.
United Asbestos, \$20 n.
Watsons \$13 n.
Powells, \$61 n.

AIR RACE.

SMALLEST MACHINE WINS.

London, July 10. Captain Broad, flying a 30 hp. de Havilland Moth won the two day air race for the King's Cup. The race started yesterday with 14 competitors, all British machines. The handicap conditions ranged from an allowance of nearly five hours down to scratch. The competitors made four circuits of two triangular courses, the total distance being 1464 miles, starting and finishing at Hendon. The engines used ranged from 450 to 30 hp. Owing to various causes only seven machines remained in at the start this morning and two fell out in the course of the day. Flight Lieutenant Scholfield in a 460 h.p. Vixen Napier was second. He landed within a few seconds of Broad.—Reuter.

Berlin, May 20.—Borthold Freud, an engineer, has succeeded in constructing a machine for wireless transmission of motion pictures. Experiments made by other scientists heretofore have been unsuccessful because sufficiently rapid transmission of pictures would not be attained without an apparatus complicated as to be useless for practical purposes. Freud has evidently attained the necessary speed with a comparatively simple machine. It is reported the pictures are transmitted with great accuracy of detail.

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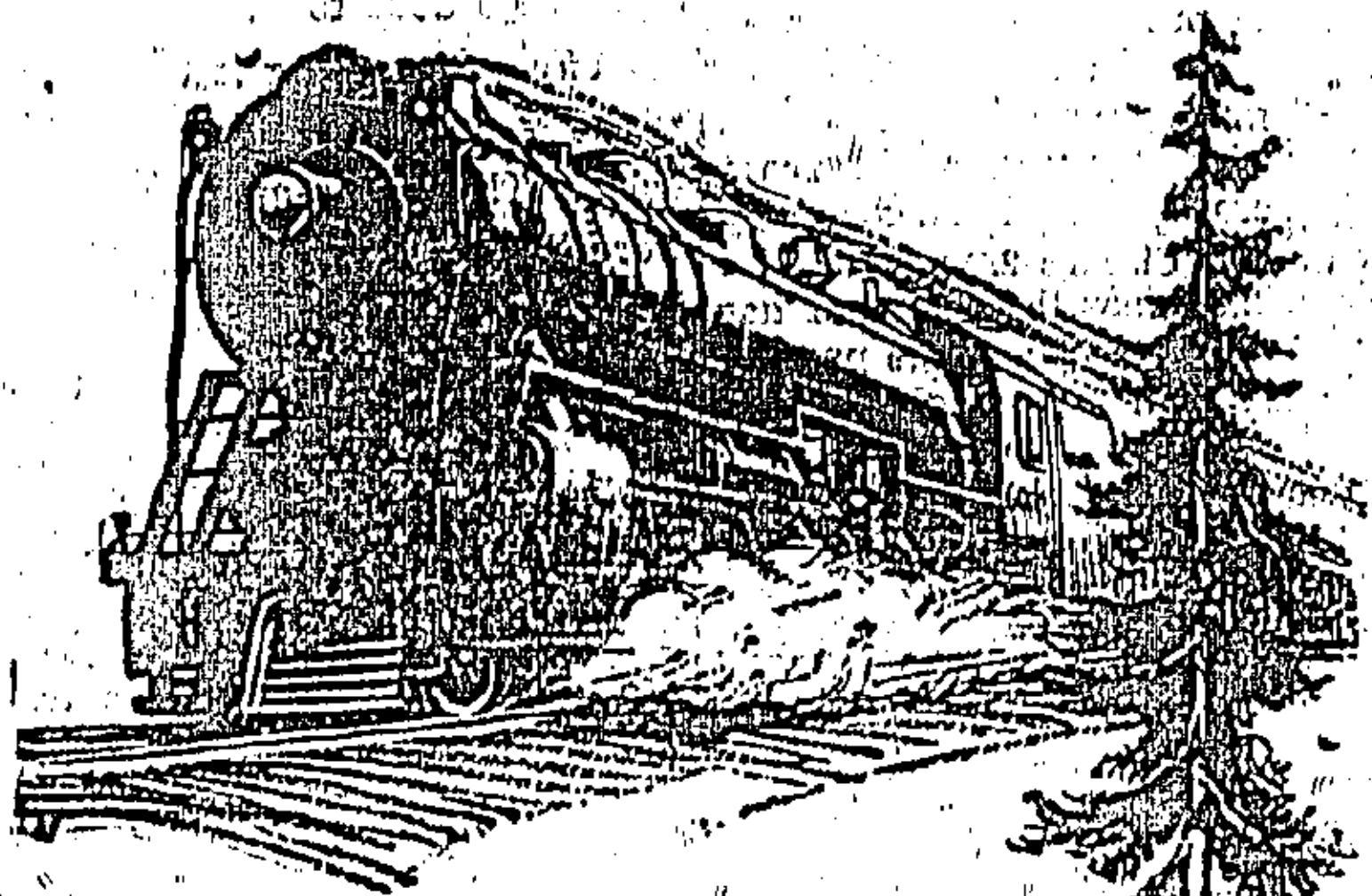
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WAR DEBTS.**VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.**

Paris, July 10.
The Chamber of Deputies has passed a vote of confidence in the French Government, by 269 votes to 247.

Later.

The Chamber's vote of confidence in the Government was given at four o'clock in the morning.

According to the Temps, the Bill M. Caillaux proposes to introduce immediately after the vote of confidence, contains only one clause substantially authorising the Government to take by decree all necessary measures to maintain the equilibrium of the Budget and the stabilisation of the franc.

The annex to the Bill contains a list of measures it is proposed to enforce.

British Debt Agreement.

It is anticipated that M. Caillaux will soon be going to London with the object of concluding a Franco-British debt agreement which, it is declared, is similar to M. Caillaux's agreement of last year, and that recently drawn up by M. Peret. It will provide sixty-two annuities of 12½ millions sterling, with a moratorium and certain allowances in the first few years.

An Explanation.

Before the Chamber voted on the motion of confidence in the Government M. Caillaux declared that the Washington debt agreements and also foreign loans were necessary for France's financial restoration.

He explained that the extraordinary powers that the Government required did not imply the imposition of taxes without the consent of Parliament, but merely simplified and accelerated the procedure.

Caillaux for London.

M. Caillaux is flying to London on Monday to pursue the debt conversations with Mr. Winston Churchill.

The Provisional Agreement.

The provisional agreement reached last year was that France was to pay \$12,500,000 annually, but the question of graduated payments in the early years and a safeguarding clause in case the German reparations failed, was reserved for further consideration. It is understood that there are still the principal matters to be discussed. The question of graduated payments is affected by a recent provisional settlement of the French debt to America, as the British Government has always maintained that it should receive as least as much *pari passu* as America, proportionately to the amount of the two debts.—*Reuter.*

Mellon's Denial.

Washington, July 10.
American officials are not aware of the negotiations which M. Caillaux is reported to have informed the Chamber of Deputies that he is carrying on with Washington in regard to the funding of the French war debt.

Mr. Mellon denied that he had written a letter assuring any French official that certain optional phrases in the agreement would not be invoked, as he is reported to have done.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SUBWAY STRIKE.

POWER HOUSE MEN JOIN IN.

New York, July 10.

The striking subway workers are now supported by one-third of the power house men, who struck this morning.

The current service, however, is being maintained.—*Reuter's American Service.*

WAR AGAIN.**FIRING IS HEARD IN PEKING.**

Peking, July 10.
The Fengtien and Chihli-Shantung allied troops, under General Chu Yu-pu, launched a general attack at ten o'clock this morning.

The gunfire was heard in Peking. Severe fighting is reported, but the result is not yet known.—*Reuter.*

C. S. C. C. CONCERT.**LARGE ATTENDANCE ON SATURDAY NIGHT.**

There were over 300 people present at the open air concert arranged by the Civil Service Club on Saturday night. The grounds were delightfully decorated with flags and coloured lights, the whole arrangement reflecting credit on the organising committee—Messrs. Deakin, Smith, Rose, Edmonds and Gregory.

The President of the Club, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, and party was among those present. The programme, which was well balanced and thoroughly satisfying, was provided by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. G. Watt, Mrs. F. C. Lawrence, Mrs. F. J. Jenner, Mr. E. Hagger, Mr. J. W. Blackley, Mr. H. E. Gardner, and Mr. Oscar Eger.

COOLIE KILLED.**FATAL ACCIDENT AT TAIKOO.**

A Chinese aged 26 years was killed at the Taikoo Sugar Refinery yesterday afternoon. It appears that the man was an earth coolie and was working on a hill when a piece of granite gave way, and rolling down, crushed him to death.

The man was clearing away the loose earth at the bottom at the time, and the granite came down from a height of about fifteen feet without warning. Another coolie was on the spot at the time, and sustained a fractured collar bone.

AERIAL ACCIDENT.**DUTCH BANK DIRECTOR IS KILLED.**

The Hague, July 10.
The Fokker aeroplane which recently visited Batavia, and which was employed in the Amsterdam-Brussels-Paris service, was forced to land in a cornfield near Brussels and crashed to earth.

The pilot and a passenger, M. Heper, who was a Director of the Amsterdam Bank, were killed.—*Reuter.*

IN MOROCCO.**A CLEARING UP CAMPAIGN.**

Paris, July 11.
A Rabat message says General Boichut, who vanquished the Rifians, has departed to lead imminent operations against the Taza area, the last den of the mountain malcontents.

According to the *Parisien*, five columns will participate in the operations.—*Havas.*

D'OLIVIER RETURNS.**HIS LAST FLIGHT.**

Paris, July 11.
The aviator Pelletier D'Oisy has returned by train. He declares that the flight to Peking was his last.—*Reuter.*

COLUMBIAN RAILWAYS.**LOAN EXPECTED FROM AMERICAN BANK.**

Bogota, July 10.
The arrival of an official of the New York National City Bank has given rise to the report that a substantial loan is to be made to the Government after the inauguration of the new President. The money will probably be used for financing public works and railways.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A HEAT WAVE.**CONDITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.**

New York, July 11.
The sweltering heat wave continues. Thousands are sleeping at fresco.

Hitherto there have been a dozen deaths, and many prostrations, in the city; and eleven deaths elsewhere on the eastern seaboard.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TRAIN COLLISION AT WARSAW.**TEN KILLED AND MANY INJURED.**

Warsaw, July 10.
Ten were killed and many seriously injured in a railway collision which is believed to be due to faulty signalling. Several railwaymen have been arrested.—*Reuter.*

AN OIL FIND.

Paris, July 11.
The *Matin* announces that petroleum-bearing formations have been detected in Martinico.—*Havas.*

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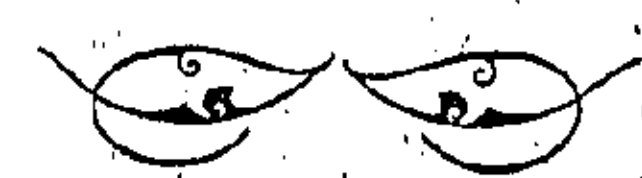
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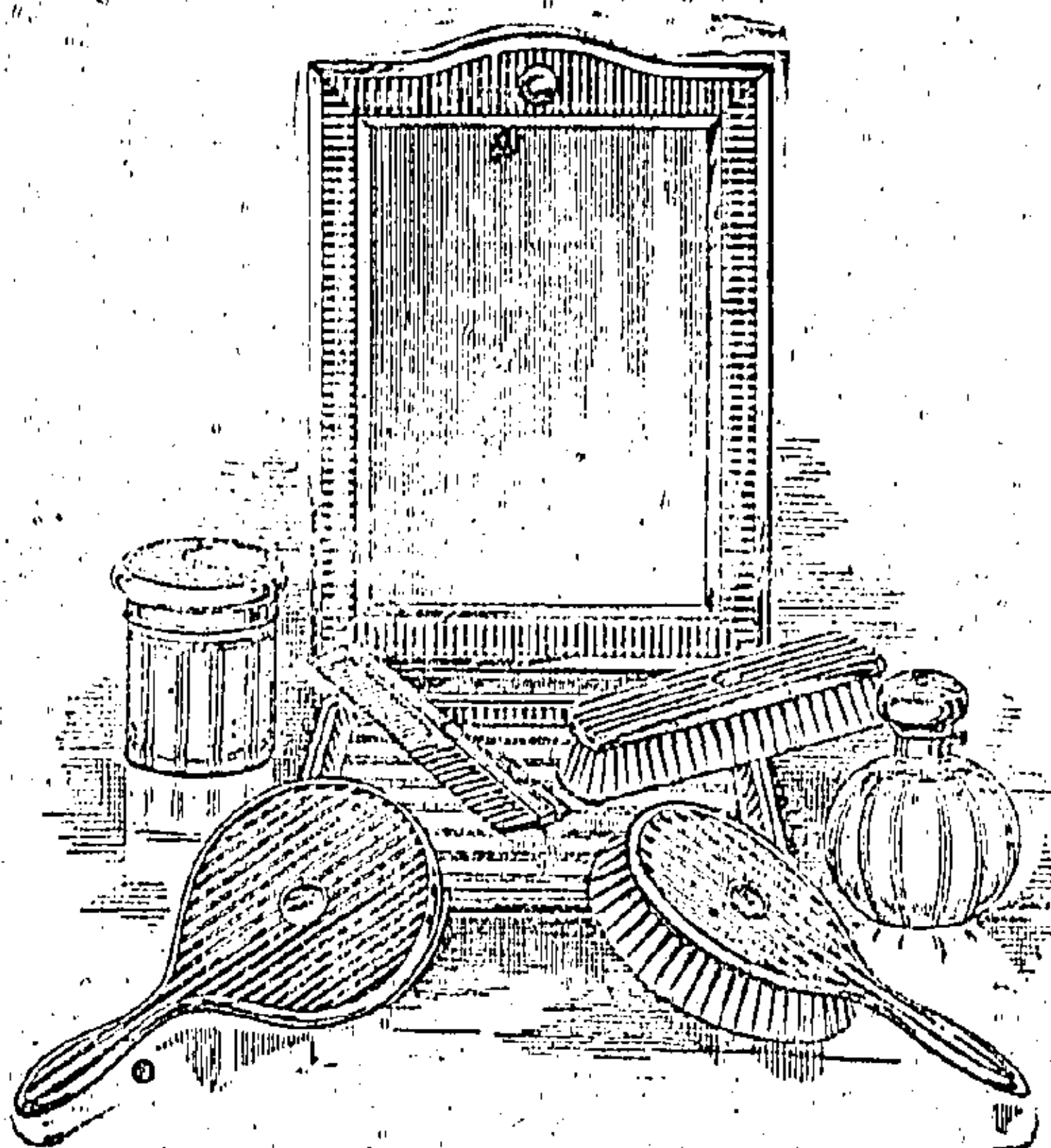
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The family of the late Mr. Bel-
trao Lucas Carvalho desire to
convey their thanks to all their
relatives and friends for their at-
tendance at the funeral and for the
floral tributes sent.
Hongkong, 12 July, 1926.

The Telegraph

MONDAY, JULY 12, 1926.

FRANCE & WAR DEBTS.

By reason of the fact that it is
having such an important bearing
on the French franc problem, the
question of settling the war debts
between the Allies is one which
takes on an urgency which, other-
wise, would not belong to it.
French finances have been getting
more and more demoralised of late,
not so much because of the failure
to balance the internal budget as
failure to provide for those extra-
national payments which the United
States and Great Britain are ex-
pecting. On paper, at any rate,
debt settlement agreements have
been arrived at by France and her
two big war-time creditors, but she
has not yet paid any money. The
British Chancellor of the Exche-
quer, Mr. Winston Churchill, de-
clared in the House of Commons
the other day that he was quite
sure that France would pay Britain
the £4,000,000 she had promised
for this year, but Mr. Churchill
must have more information than
the public to justify such a
belief. The franc has tumbled
down from one new low record to
another, the political crisis which
have led to this all having their
roots in the inability of politicians
to get enough support for legisla-
tion which would provide the money
needed to revive the confidence of
the outside nations. The people of
France are not falling over each
other in an enthusiastic desire to
remedy that position, because they
feel that the money which they are
asked to pay to America and
Britain is money which should not
be asked of them. On Saturday,
there was a monster parade in
Paris of 15,000 war cripples against
the terms of the draft settlement
with America, and yet America has
prided itself on having been a
generous and liberal creditor. The
people of France do not see why
they, who have already made tre-
mendous sacrifices of blood and
wealth, should be called upon to
pay back to their Allies the
monetary value of the war munitions
with which those Allies were
able to assist France during the
harrassed days of the grim fight.
That there is logic and reason
in their attitude is admitted by the
more liberal-minded American
publicists. Britain made a magni-
ficient post-war gesture by funding

her debt to the United States and
undertaking to pay all of it to-
gether with interest, but it is doubt-
ful whether she acted wisely. She
lived up to her name of Proud Al-
bion but she weighted a millstone
of debt about her own and other
nations' necks. She had offered
to wipe off all war debts, by which
procedure she would have paid
enormously, but, failing to secure
agreement on that line, she scorned
to owe and not pay. That was a
fine gesture but it wasn't altogether
reflective of deep thought. It is
unfair to expect future generations
of Europeans to be in the debt of
Americans because America gave
liberally of her material supplies to
help fight the Central Powers in a
common conflict. France might,
with the principle of the thing to
warrant her, capitalise her glorious
deed at so much per head and count
the cost as part of her contribu-
tion to be adjusted. And Britain,
although a creditor, recognises the
value of the argument. American
opinion is slow to form on an issue
like this, but time will, we believe,
bring the inevitable realisation
that America's contribution to the
common cause, and one which she
should bear herself, was just as
much her munitions as it was her
soldiers. The stronger, greater
and richer nations had, naturally,
a bigger share of the burden than
the weaker.

Popularising Castle Peak.

We note with satisfaction the
scheme which is to be inaugu-
rated at Castle Peak to provide better
accommodation than at present
exists for visitors to that popular
seaside resort who do not happen
to own a bathing machine. As
will have been observed from re-
ports published on Saturday, it is
intended to convert a residence
there into a modern cafeteria, the
customers of which will also be
able to secure the use of bathing
huts and everything else necessary
for an afternoon's enjoyment. As
at Repulse Bay, so at Castle Peak,
the joys of sea bathing
have hitherto been largely con-
fined to those owning machines, and
one of the chief drawbacks to
those not so situated has been the
absence of sheltered spots where
picnics could be held. All these
and other difficulties should be
overcome when the new scheme is
in operation, with the result that
increasing numbers will no doubt
visit this beautiful spot. In some
respects, Castle Peak is far to be
preferred to Repulse Bay, especial-
ly in the condition of the beach,
which is one of the best stretches
of sand in the Colony. It has long
been popular with Kowloon folk
and should become even more so
when the Cafeteria is started.
We have no doubt that the time
will eventually come when Castle
Peak will have its own hotel and
may be numbers of residences will
spring up for those who seek some
convenient and healthy spot at
which to spend week-ends. But
that is looking ahead. In the
meantime, the scheme now under
contemplation should prove a
great boon and there should be
every reason for thinking that
the enterprise will prove a big
success.

STOLEN SCISSORS.

APPRENTICE TO BE CANED.

A young apprentice, of the Nam
Wah knitting factory, appeared be-
fore Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kow-
loon Magistracy this morning on a
charge of larceny of four pairs of
scissors, the property of the fac-
tory.
The facts of the case, according
to Sub-Inspector Dorrington, were
that whilst pledging an article of
clothing in a pawnshop on Satur-
day a female employee of the Nam
Wah knitting factory saw the de-
fendant enter the shop and offer the
scissors to the pawnbroker. A
price not being agreed to between
the two parties, the boy left to go
elsewhere. The woman, suspecting
the apprentice, followed him and
offered to purchase the scis-
sors for \$1. To this the boy agreed
and handed the scissors to the
woman, who reported the matter to
the manager and the defendant was
then arrested.
The defendant denied the charge
and even denied that he ever went
to the pawnshop.
The defendant was ordered to
receive ten strokes of the cane.

DAY BY DAY.

IF WE HAD NO DEFECTS OURSELVES,
WE SHOULD NOT TAKE SO MUCH
PLEASURE IN NOTING THOSE OF
OTHERS.—La Rochefoucauld.

To-day is the Mohammedan New
Year, the commencement of the
year Anno Hijra 1345.

To-day is the Anniversary of
the Commemoration of the Res-
toration of the Republic of China.

Eight assistant engineers are re-
quired for the Public Works De-
partment of the Federated Malay
States.

Preventive officers of the Singa-
pore Monopolies Department found
7,000 taels of opium, valued at
\$70,000, on board the Komatou
Maru.

A meeting of the Sanitary
Board will be held to-morrow
afternoon. Among the items on
the agenda are the report of Com-
mittee on "Village Sanitation."

Mr. C. G. Anderson has been
appointed branch manager of the
Fire Department of the Assurance
Franco-Asiatique, L'Urbaine Fire
Insurance Co., Ltd., as from this
date.

Mr. G. W. Grey, F.S.I., chartered
architect, is now in charge of the
architectural department of the
Hongkong Realty and Trust Co.,
Ltd. He succeeds Mr. W. D. Good-
fellow, whose services terminated
on June 30th.

A pretty wedding was solemnized
at the Presbyterian Church,
Penang, the Rev. Whitehorn
officiating, when Mr. Daniel Williams,
Asst. District Officer, Butterworth,
and Miss Helen Livingstone, only
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D.
Livingstone were the principals.

A Cantonese, charged in Singa-
pore with robbing a woman of her
hair ornaments and ear-rings in
the street, after rubbing pepper
in her face, came before Mr. David
in the District Court. He was
sentenced to twelve months' im-
prisonment and twelve strokes of
the rattan.

The current issue of the F.M.S.
Gazette notifies that the Hon'ble
Mr. O. F. Stoner, C.M.G., British
Resident, Selangor, has been ap-
pointed British Resident, Perak;
the Hon'ble Mr. H. W. Thompson
to be British Resident, Selangor,
and Mr. A. T. Worthington, British
Adviser, Kelantan, to be British
Resident, Pahang.

A European was thrown out of
a ricksha at the junction of Pedder
Street and Des Voeux Road on
Saturday morning when a motor
car ran into the rear of the
vehicle in which he was riding.
The ricksha puller was pinned un-
derneath the vehicle and sent to
hospital. The passenger escaped
injury.

The "Grupo Senico e Musical"
of Macao will, on the 17th and
18th inst., give two performances
in the hall "Luiz Camoes" of the
Club Lusitano, which has been
kindly lent by the Committee to
the Macao amateurs. The group
consists of thirty-six ladies and
gentlemen at Macao, who have
for some time been rehearsing a
musical play under the able con-
ductorship of the well-known
veteran journalist of Macao, Mr.
Constancio J. da Silva.

A Chinese jazz-drummer from
a Wanchai restaurant was
assaulted in Arsenal Street at
about 11.30 p.m. on Saturday night
by four men posing as detectives.
After the assault the victim was
asked by eye-witnesses the reason
of the attack, but he could give
none. The men searched him, but
stole nothing. He said one of the
fists of the Soldiers and Sailors
Home was told by the same gang
he would be searched, but when he
asked them to produce their
"badge" they made off.

Amongst the cases down for
hearing in the Supreme Court at
Penang this week is the divorce
suit in which the petitioner is Paul
Domingo of Singapore, and the
respondent Gerald Eulalia, who is
alleged to have left him some years
ago and to have lived with another
Filipino Government servant in a
respectable position. Both peti-
tioner and co-respondent are not
only of the same nationality but
were staunch friends formerly.
The respondent was a daughter of
the late Mr. E. A. B. Jeromiah,
managing clerk to Messrs. Logan
and Ross of Penang, who died
while the marriage between peti-
tioner and respondent was being
prepared.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong
Telegraph.]

FOR THE CHILDREN.

Sir,—In view of the fact that an
increasing number of children are
daily using part of the Racecourse
and football ground at Happy Val-
ley as a playground, may I suggest,
through the medium of your
columns, that the Government erect
some sort of shelter for the little
ones and their amahs? In order
to save expense it occurs to me
that the Government could secure
the loan of a marquee from the
military authorities which would
serve the purpose. This marquee
could be erected by the custodian
of the ground and his staff on a
vacant plot immediately in front
of the custodian's matched every
morning and taken down at night.

His Excellency the Governor has
doubtless noticed the large number
of children in this neighbourhood
whilst out riding, so I am hopeful
that he will lend a sympathetic ear
to this small request.

Kowloon seems to get everything
she howls for; why not us?—Yours,
etc.,

A. VALLEYITE.

Hongkong, July 10th, 1926.

GALLARZA HOME.

ROYAL WELCOME IN
MADRID.

Barcelona, Spain, July 5.—Capt.
Gallarza and his mechanic,
Arosameno, who made the flight
from Madrid to Manila, received
a royal welcome to-day when they
arrived on the steamer Legazpi.
Thousands of people gathered
around the Columbus statue and
cheered the aviators. Captain Es-
tevez and his mechanic who started
on the flight from Madrid with
Captains Gallarza and Loriga, but
who were forced down in the
Syrain desert, were among those
greeting Gallarza.

The mayor, the governor of the
province, the Spanish-Philippine
and Spanish-American commis-
sions boarded the Legazpi and
gave a formal welcome to the
aviators, who were honored at a
great banquet to-night. Isaura
Gabaldon, Philippine resident
commissioner at Washington, who
is now in Madrid, wired Captain
Gallarza greetings and expressed
the hope he would be able to see
and welcome him in the name of
the Philippines.

SHEKO-O MOTOR SMASH.

TWO INDIANS DIE FROM
INJURIES.

Through striking the embank-
ment while negotiating a bend on
the Shek-O road on Saturday even-
ing, a motor-car was involved
in a serious smash, which resulted
in the death of two Indians and
serious injuries to other occupants.

The car hit the embankment a
glancing blow with its radiator, and
although the collision was not a
serious one from the point of view
of damage done to the car, it had
the effect of causing it to skid on
to the roadway and turn over on its
side. The driver and passengers
were thrown out, one of the latter
having his head fractured. He
died very shortly after admission
to hospital.

The scene which met the sight of
motorists returning from the golf-
house at Shek-O was described as
being a shambles. They gave what
assistance they could to the injured,
who were later taken to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital.

It has since been learned that the
car which belongs to Mr. Lam
Wing-yam, was being taken out for
a test preparatory to its transfer-
ence to a new owner. Ojagar
Singh, a well-known Indian, was the
prospective purchaser and he had
with him six other Indians, in ad-
dition to the driver, who was also
an Indian.

It has also been established that
the man who died in hospital short-
ly after his admission was Ojagar
Singh. A second victim died this
morning in the person of Sundar
Singh, a watchman. The six other
occupants were more or less seri-
ously injured, and some are still
being detailed in hospital.

It is understood that an enquiry
will be held in due course into the
circumstances of the mishap.

FAST FLYING.

LONG-DISTANCE AVERAGE.

Rugby, July 11.

In the Air race for the King's
Cup, Squadron Leader Jones, who
came in third, won the special
prize for the fastest time in the
race, with average speed of
161.92 miles.—British Wirelogs.

The Very Idea!

Consider your face, and the
things folk can trace through
expression you show day by day.
Let's all turn thumbs down on the
ones who just frown. No sense
in its being that way.

Why not realise that a couple
of eyes, and a mouth can be used
to spread cheer? By hook, or by
crook, you can put on the look that
will make people glad you are
here.

A scowl's out of joint, and by
straining a point, any person can
switch to a grin. If you're not of
that sort, come on, be a sport.
Right now's a good time to begin.
Let eyes twinkle bright. There
you are, now—that's right. Say,
isn't it easy to do? The fellow
worth while is the man who can
smile, and let cheerful sunshine
seep through.

Visitor to the district (who has
missed his way): "Can you tell
me, my good man, if I shall pass
the Red Lion Inn along this road?"
The Village Topper: "O! wouldn't
like to be anying wut a gen'le-
man loike ye would be doin'; but
O! n' perfect sartin' O! shouldn't!"

MORE HOWLERS.

Hydrogen may be obtained by
applying a lighted taper to a jar
inverted over water.

A circle is a curved line which
has no beginning or ending.

By eating slowly, food is digest-
ed before it is swallowed, and thus
enriches the blood, which goes
down one leg and up the other.

Things which are impossible are
equal to one another.

A right angle is a figure all of
whose corners are triangles, but
its sides are not equal.

When a drunken man sees what
a fool he has been and is going
others had more sense.

to turn over a new leaf he is
led a Reformer. John Wyclif
was a Reformer.

Question: What are warmth-pro-
ducing foods?—Answer: Cayenne
paper and Jamaica ginger.

Question: If the Premier died,
who would officiate?—Answer:
The undertaker.

Men are what women marry.
Herrings go about the sea in
shawls.

They played upon the tennis
court.

Their hearts were in a
whirl.

The game wound up a love
match and

The fellow wed the girl.

A budget machine has been
patented in New York by a Mrs.
Annie Peaks Kenny which automa-
tically tells the family with a
fixed income what should be spent
for various items. One merely
fixes the dial at the yearly income
and a button does the rest. Much
has been said about budgets, but
their making has heretofore been
too involved for the average
home-maker's mentality. One
week's wage for rent or pay-
ment on home says the machine, half
that amount for heat, light, laun-
dry, telephone, ice; one-fifth of
income for food, one-tenth for
clothes.

First Traveller: "Does the train
stop here long enough to let you
get something to eat?"

Second Traveller: "No; just
long enough to let you pay what
you order."

He was the first fellow who
ever asked her for a kiss. All the
others had more sense.

CHIT SYSTEM.

SINGAPORE FAVOURS CONTINUANCE.

THE BAD DEBT PROBLEM.

The perfectly comfortable manner in which the newcomer to the East drops into the chit-signing habit, is a subject which has been fully discussed in all its aspects time and time again, but it is one which always crops up afresh.

It is now forming a lively topic in Singapore, the suggestion having been put forward that wages should be paid weekly, and, further, that a Trade Protection Society be formed with a view to assisting retailers to deal with the problem of bad debts.

Curiously enough, it is the retailers themselves who object to both suggestions, though the oft-repeated contention that the cash buyer and good payer are mulcted in order to cover excessive credit is emphatically denied.

A representative of the Straits Times, who interviewed prominent merchants on the subject was told by one that the system is one which would be very difficult to dispense with.

NEWCOMERS' NEEDS.

"The man who comes out here on his first agreement probably has only a few pounds in his pocket," he said, "and he has got to get himself an entire outfit."

"His firm do not care to advance him \$200 or \$300 immediately after his arrival, and he has to open an account. If he belongs to a decent firm we allow him to do so."

"Another point is that men do not care about carrying large sums of money about with them; it is not safe in this country, and it is not convenient."

"It is much easier for a man to run an account with us, and while we would prefer cash payment we have to meet the convenience of our customers."

QUESTION OF BAD DEBTS.

"There is very little in the argument that higher prices are charged by retail firms in order to cover possible losses owing to excessive credit. Considering the turnover in this establishment our bad debts are very small indeed, and the percentage is actually smaller than it is in the big West End shops in London. Naturally we fix a reasonable limit to the amount of credit we allow, and vary it in individual cases."

"We know whether a man is in his first or second agreement, and, therefore, we can tell roughly what salary he is getting, and we do not allow his account to run beyond reasonable limits."

This merchant was not enthusiastic over the proposal to found a trade protection society. He pointed out that the European retail establishments in Singapore formed a very very small group, and they all worked together in matters of this kind, freely giving any information regarding a bad or doubtful customer to any competitor who might ask for it.

As regards the question of weekly payment of salaries, he did not think there would be any support for it in business circles in Singapore.

ANOTHER RETAILER'S OPINION.

The views expressed by another prominent retailer were to the same effect. This gentleman held that the theory that the good payer's paid for the bad in local retail establishments was conclusively disproved after it had been aired in a report of a Commission which inquired into the cost of living in Singapore. He said, "The system is not ideal; we would be saved a great deal of work if we could operate on a cash basis, but it is the system which has always ruled here, and I see no reason why it should not continue to do so."

This manager was also of the opinion that trade protection society was not required. The idea was suggested some years ago, he said, but it found no support, and the European retail firms could get along very satisfactorily without it. "And we are certainly not going to protect the native dealers," he added.

WEEKLY SALARIES.

Asked whether he did not think that the prevalence of the chit system was not a temptation to extravagance, especially for the newcomer, the informant replied that it was not the retail establishments

CHINESE ACTOR'S VISIT.

TO COST SYNDICATE \$50,000.

\$7 A SEAT CHARGED.

To foreigners who are accustomed to regard a salary running into four figures per week as almost the sole prerogative of a cinema artiste or an operatic star, it will come as something of a surprise to be informed that high salaries such as the foregoing are not uncommon in the sphere of Chinese dramatic art. Incidentally, it goes without saying that Chinese stage plays have of late years obtained a remarkable ascendancy in popular favour, otherwise it could not be conceived how the producers and joint stock companies have been enabled to offer such tremendous inducements to troupes who have to travel sometimes over long distances.

We feel safe in saying that many foreigners would have hesitated before they would commit themselves to paying as much as \$7 for the cost of a seat in the Taiping Theatre, during one night of the season that is being put in here by the celebrated Chinese actor, Ching Yim-chow. Yet a sum which would have been demanded only in the case of operatic stars, *par excellence* elsewhere has been known to have been cheerfully paid, when a much higher price for admission was asked in the case of Mr. Ching Yim-chow's tutor, the famous Mei Lan-fong, who some four years ago appeared for a short season at the Chinese theatre here. Every night of the season there had its full quota of spectators, and past records for box-receipts were eclipsed.

For purposes of comparison it is of interest to state the actual outlay which the present theatrical engagement is entailing on the Wing Wo Syndicate who are responsible for the engagement of Mr. Ching Yim-chow and his troupe of 140 artists from the North. In conversation with a *Telegraph* representative, Mr. Ling Tsang, one of the three joint managers of the Syndicate, stated that actual salaries alone will amount to \$32,000, of which \$15,000 is received or will be received by the lender of the troupe. This is exclusive of travelling expenses, which, in conjunction with board and lodging for the whole company, will entail a further sum of \$18,000 and bring the total outlay to \$50,000 approximately.

Other overhead expenses have to be met in connection with advertising and the rent of the Theatre, the latter of which is \$200 a day.

As remuneration for all this trouble and expense, the Wing Wo Syndicate, states Mr. Ling, have been compelled to impose a charge of \$7 for admission, with certain modifications in the case of boxes and bookings *en bloc*. The engagement is for a season for thirty nights.

Whilst on the matter of salaries, Mr. Ling incidentally mentions that he met Mei Lan-fong at a recent date when the Chinese actor signified his agreement to make another appearance with his company in the Colony for a sum of \$50,000 as salaries alone, exclusive of travelling, and board and lodging expenses.

Dashing across the roadway in front of Mr. L. B. Trevor's car at Nathan Road yesterday, a dog was caught by one of the front wheels and its legs slightly injured. Mr. Trevor has reported the accident to the police.

which were responsible for such extravagance as prevailed, but the hotels, theatres, the generally high cost of living, and so forth.

He expressed strong objection to payment of wages on any but a monthly basis, remarking that he had enough work to do already without multiplying it by four.

NATIVE DEALER'S LOSSES.

The general opinion expressed by those with whom the Press representative discussed the matter was that it was the Chinese and Indian dealers in High Street and elsewhere who suffered by doing business on a credit basis, not the European firms.

It was pointed out that the native dealers had not the information regarding the financial and commercial status of individuals such as was possessed and utilized in keeping a check on accounts in Raffles Square.

COLLEGIAN GLEE CLUB.

OPENS SEASON TO-MORROW.

"As good as anything in vaudeville" is one of the comments heard most often concerning the fourteen-act vaudeville programme to be given by Brick Morse's California Collegians, formerly known as the University of California Glee Club, at the City Hall on the 13th, 19th and 21st inst.

The name type of show that has tickled audiences in Shanghai, made them roar in Scotland, guffaw in Manila and split their sides in Hongkong on foreign tours of the Club. It is expected to make a tremendous hit here, to say the least. A judicious mixture of Club singing, comic skits, instrumental soloists, clog dancing by pairs and jazz hand playing, gives the programme of the California Club a universal and irresistible appeal.

Quality rather than mere size has been the aim of C. R. ("Brick") Morse, veteran director of the Club. For this reason only twenty out of a Club of over one hundred and out of a University of ten thousand were selected to make this summer's trip. The group appearing here is nearly the same as the one that made itself famous on a tour through Alaska and Canada last summer.

Brick Morse's California Collegians is on an extended tour of the Pacific Northwest and the Orient. It is the third time that they have toured the Orient, but it still remains as the only College Glee Club to have ever toured the Orient, making it just one more reason why these boys are known as the "World-famous College Entertainers."

PARISIEN CAFE.

HAPPY OPENING NIGHT.

Saturday night's opening Dinner Damsat at the Café Restaurant Parisien met with such instantaneous success, that even the proprietors must have been agreeably surprised. Many applications for tables had to be refused, and although the accommodation was tested to the utmost, the general arrangements and service reflected great credit upon the management. There were over 200 reservations.

An excellent dinner was served, during which patrons gave unmistakable signs of appreciation for the efforts of the orchestra, a talented band of musicians who certainly lived up to the reputation which preceded them. Encores were the rule of the evening, and although intervals were short, most of those present entered into the happy spirit of the night and danced every number.

An air of jollity permeated the function and the distribution of crackers and favours for the ladies assisted in creating an infectious gala atmosphere.

Both M. Durand and Mr. J. G. Taylor were indefatigable in superintending arrangements for the comfort of the large number present, but they must have felt well rewarded by the many congratulations received during the evening from patrons who expressed appreciation for the excellent fun and fare provided.

"THE FRESHMAN."

A HAROLD LLOYD TRIUMPH.

Despite the hot weather, large audiences gathered at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, when Harold Lloyd's latest picture, "The Freshman," was shown for the first time. It is a scream from start to finish and should continue to draw big houses until Wednesday night, when the last screening will take place.

It is a story of College life, with the irresistible Harold as the "College fool," and is full of the most amusing situations, ending in a real mix-up in the football field, in which Harold surprises everybody, himself included, by registering a touch-down. There is a strong cast, and the picture is sure to give general delight.

Another feature of a really fine programme is provided by some excellent pictures of Commander Byrd's North Pole flight.

One Chinese case of puerperal fever is reported as having occurred over the week-end.

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TERRIBLE U. S. EXPLOSION.

NAVAL AND MILITARY ARSENALS DESTROYED.

New York, July 11.

A late message from Morris Town says that a military cordon has been established round an area of sixteen square miles.

The naval arsenal, valued at \$80,000,000 has been destroyed and the army arsenal at Picatinny, half a mile away, is undergoing destruction by a series of minor explosions.

Several villages are reported to be practically destroyed. The first terrific explosions shook houses for miles around and blew motor cars off the roads. The inhabitants are terror-stricken, as all night long there were lurid flares, incessant rumbling, and ashes and burning fragments descending on villages.

Danger hampers the work of rescue, but the injured people coming in are being treated in improvised hospitals.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ROYAL VISIT TO EAST END.

WONDERFUL GAS PLANT AT EAST HAM.

Rugby, July 11.

Their Majesties the King and Queen were most warmly welcomed by the people of East London yesterday, when they paid a visit to the gas-works at East Ham, to inaugurate a new unloading plant, which is the largest in Europe.

The King set in motion the new plant, and its method of handling the coal was explained to His Majesty. It is capable of unloading, by means of travelling cranes, 2,000 tons of coal per hour. In order to carry the weight of the cranes, each weighing 120 tons, caissons were sunk into the river bed. First unloading from the coal steamer, the cranes deliver the fuel into small hoppers and thence into two belt conveyors the coal being automatically weighed in transit. The coal is then distributed to retort houses by aid of an elaborate railway system which covers over sixty miles of track.—*British Wireless.*

EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, July 10.

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Copenhagen	13 35
Vienna	34 42 1/2
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Buenos Aires	45 13 1/2
Shanghai	2 11 1/4
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Madrid	30 69
Rio	7 23 1/2
Bombay	1 5 37 1/4
Hongkong	2 27 1/2
Silver (spot)	30 1 1/2
Silver (forward)	30 1/2

—*British Wireless.*

ITALIAN FLIGHT.

FROM TOKYO TO AMERICA.

San Francisco, July 2.—It is reliably understood that Captain Nobile, the Italian commander of the Amundsen dirigible Norge on its recent flight over the North Pole, is planning to pilot an airship straight across the Pacific from Tokyo to San Francisco during the coming year.

He said that he was not free to reveal his plans but intimated that the Italian government looked with favour at a project for flying around the world in a dirigible. The first leg of this flight, it is understood, will be across the Pacific and will be in the nature of a test flight.

Captain Nobile has just arrived from Nome, Alaska, and is on his way to Japan. The Italian government has agreed to deliver a dirigible to the Japanese government and Captain Nobile has been commissioned to act as instructor to the Japanese crew.

He said that the North Polar flight had resulted in an important accumulation of scientific data which would be of value in the future development of air travel.—*United Press.*

RIVER LEVELS.

BOARD OF CONSERVANCY RETURNS.

The latest returns issued by the Board of Conservancy works of Kwangtung shows the water levels at the various ports on July 7th to be:—

Shiuhing	Plus Nil.
Tsingyuen	8.3 ft.
Samshui	22.24 ft.
Shoklung	1.6 ft.

The deaths of two male Chinese deck passengers occurred in the course of the voyage of the S.S. Ho Sang from Singapore. The vessel arrived from the southern port yesterday afternoon and she carried some 816 deck passengers in all.

In view of the fact that licences are due for renewal on the 15th instant, owners of motor-cars and lorries who have not yet had their vehicles weighed, in accordance with the new requirements, are asked to do so before the 14th, as this will help the traffic department officer in charge to straighten things out to the convenience of everybody concerned.

The "Rules" of the British Apprentice Club of New York are engagingly simple. In full they read:—"The club being run by apprentices of the British Mercantile Marine, there are no rules except those enforced by the majority of members present at any given time." The club consists of any and all cadets, midshipmen and apprentices of the British Mercantile Marine who call at the Port of New York and who register themselves as members. It was opened during the winter of 1921 by Miss Newell and Miss Mayor, with the object of providing a fireside corner as well as a headquarters for British Mercantile Marine cadet officers visiting New York.

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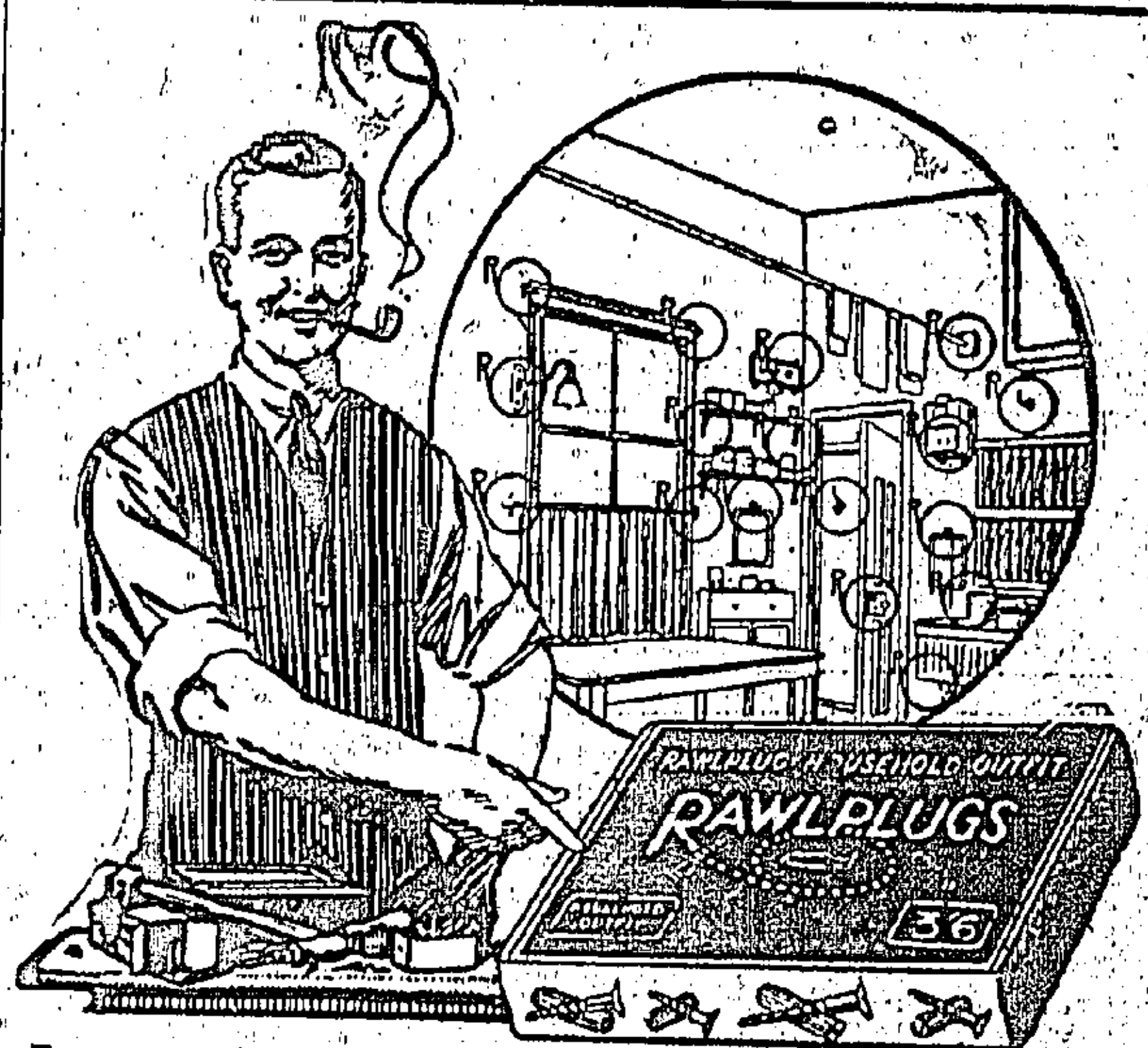
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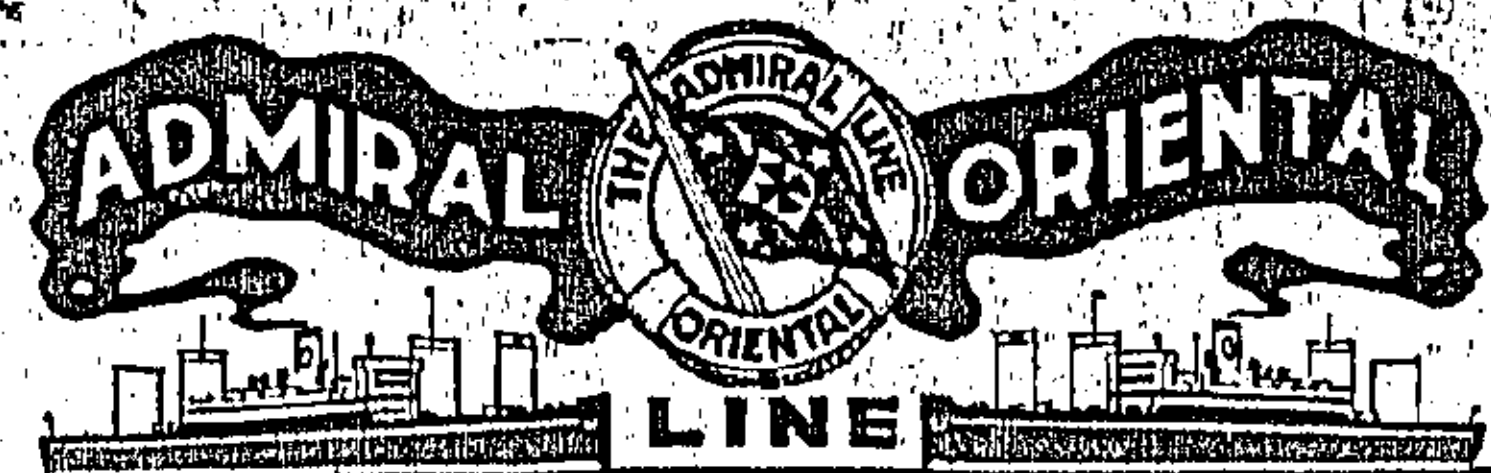
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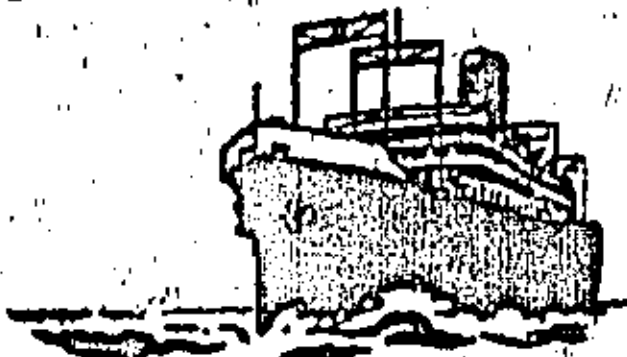
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Mr. Harry W. Bray, an Australian, who is touring India and the Far East in a motor caravan, has arrived in Madras from Tuticorin. He is on his way to China. The caravan is mounted on a Chevrolet engine and there is a sleeping berth in it and food lockers, drawers for clothes and tool chests. There are also special lockers on the sides to hold petrol sufficient to drive the vehicle for a thousand miles.

The rain was pouring down in torrents, and the dear old lady with a younger companion of the same sex was sheltering in a store doorway. A gentleman approached and was enthusiastically greeted by the younger lady. She turned to her companion. "Oh, Auntie this is Mr.—have you met?" The old lady, who appears to have been deaf, glanced at the rain and replied "Indeed yes, a terrible sonker."

MISSED FAME.

THE CHOICE OF PROFESSION.

[By A. G. Thornton.]

Certain statements of general application, harmless enough in themselves, often have a devastating effect upon certain individuals. Thus, when a bald-headed man reads in his favourite journal that baldness and kindheartedness are usually found together, he immediately goes home and takes his wife to the theatre.

In this way I have been devastated by a harmless little statement in print the other night. An old groom was speaking, and if any man is entitled to respect I suppose it is an old groom. He said, the old groom, that to be a good horseman a man must have flat thighs. He (the old groom) had never known a man with round thighs achieve the highest in horsemanship.

It is surprising how ignorant a fairly well-informed man can be on a subject like thighs. Here have I been knocking about the world for a considerable time, filling up my spare time with the study of philosophy, art and cricket scores, and I never knew that a flat-thighed man was anything to write in the papers about. Not to beat about the bush, I may add that I belong to this distinguished order of mankind. There are, I suppose, few thighs flatter than mine.

And when we reach this point in our analysis certain important speculations open out. The thought comes on me in a blinding flash that I have missed my vocation. I have been going astray, pursuing humdrum avocations when the highest was within my grasp. In other words, I ask myself, is it possible that I ought to have been a jockey? We must consider this. This is vital. It must be answered now.

It is true that, though with Dean Swift I have a great respect for the horse, I have never felt thoroughly at home with that noble animal. He has always seemed to me to be built on unduly generous lines. In my youth I fervently admired the heroes who brought the good (unspecified) news from Ghent to Aix, but the only gallop I indulged in personally was on the back of a farmhouse, who considerably flicked me on to a bed of hay before the farmer got within striking distance.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

But—in view of what the old groom says I cannot leave it at that. Not only am I qualified in an important respect—like my thighs: there are other things. The equally important matter of weight, for example. Here we are in Derby week, and for the first time I realise that I could at a pinch, get the classic weight. I could (as a flat-thighed man) be among those rounding Tattenham Corner in front of (or behind, as the case might be) Mr. Weston. A little emotion is pardonable in one who suddenly realises that his name might have been written on that scroll of fame: "Winners of Classic Races."

TACNA-ARICA DISPUTE.

TERRITORY TO GO TO BOLIVIA.

New York, July 10.

It is reported from Santiago that negotiations are proceeding with Bolivia providing for handing over both Tacna and Arica to Bolivia with compensation to Peru and Chile by Bolivia.—*Reuter.*

Well, it is not to be; but I am thankful to Old Groom. He has given me a flashlight into the infinite possibilities of life. We are what we are by the slightest turn of the wheel. I was not born in Newmarket, and have discovered the what-might-have-been too late in life. But the speculations induced by Old Groom clearly point to the question, "Are we all really doing the right job?"

In certain cases, there is, of course, only one answer. Nobody can think of Mr. Donoghue in any other role than his present one, and similarly it is difficult to see Hobbs in any other part but the one he plays. But what of the average man in the average job? Every average man worth his salt knows in youth that he is cut out for better things, and his only mistake is to let his sense of humour get the better of his dreams as age creeps on. The only trouble in life is to find the particular talent which every man has hidden about him somewhere, and to live moderately cheerful ever after in the exercise of it. Many a man is weighing up butter to-day ignorant of the fact that he has flat thighs. Many a South Sea Islander who has never handled a bat or tennis racket has, if he did but know it, the batsman's wrist or the perfect backhand grip in embryo.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS.

More than this—I feel some men have come with difficulty to, or are making for distinction in the wrong job. A gentleman of my acquaintance who sells fish in season at marked prices is very like a rural Dean I know slightly. He has not, of course, the Dean's knowledge of certain things, but he has the Dean's manner as he dispenses a couple of pounds, middle cut. He and the Dean might change jobs, I often think, without anybody noticing it much.

Indeed, in a really intelligent social order jobs would be interchangeable. Every schoolboy would have a Prime Minister's portfolio in his satchel, and as a pleasant relief from the cares of office, the man who at any given period happened to be a Home Secretary could do a week or two on point duty at Charing Cross. It is, indeed, a world of accidental careers. Think of all those gentlemen who this week will be inviting passers-by over the Downs to have a little gamble on the crown and its attendant anchor, to find the lady, even to make a fortune by learning the certain winner at the cost of only one penny, gents.

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As was pointed out, says the *Times*, the balance-sheet of the company disclosed an exceptionally strong position, and the market was not altogether taken by surprise at the announcement. The issued Ordinary capital is at present £16,071,445, so that additional capital to the extent of about £7,332,000 will be created. This expansion of capital indicates the possession of large hidden reserves in the valuation of the company's investments. Upon the announcement the shares of the British-American Company rose to 128s. 6d., subsequently closing after hours at 127s. 6d., the market valuing the "rights" to the new issue at about 38s.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

THE WRECK OF S.S. TUNGSHING.

The following notice to mariners has been issued by the Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai under date July 1.—With reference to the a.s. Tung Shing which lies sunk in the Whangpoo about 8½ cables seaward of Black Point, notice is hereby given that blasting operations on the wreck, which have been temporarily in abeyance, are about to be renewed.

It is essential, in the interest of the safety of those engaged in the work, and of the expedition of the work itself, that the water in the vicinity of the wreck be disturbed to as small a degree as is possible.

Those in command of vessels navigating the Whangpoo are, therefore, requested to proceed at dead slow speed when approaching, and passing, the vicinity of the wreck. The attention of those in command of Torpedo Boat Destroyers and other highly powered craft is, specially drawn to this request.

SECRET TRIAL.

OFFENCE BY U.S. CONSULAR CLERK.

The American Consular clerk, Vogelweid, who is charged with photographing the Sasebo fortifications, underwent a secret preliminary trial in Nagasaki on Wednesday.

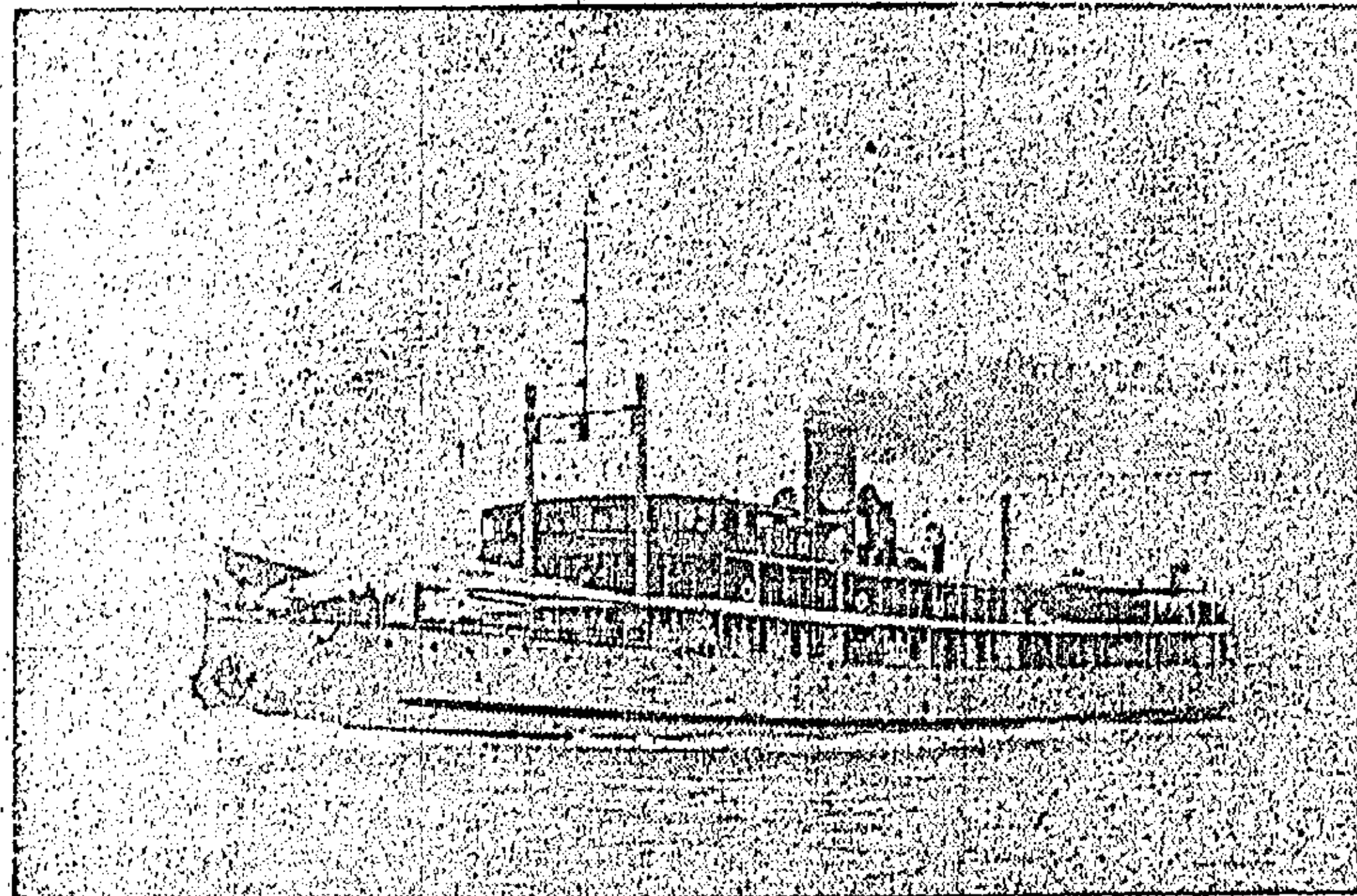
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DELTA	8,097	7th Aug.	M'los, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	1,1089	21st Aug.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	4th Sept.	M'los, London & Antwerp
NAGPORE	5,233	10th Sept.	M'los, London & Antwerp
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NAGPORE	5,233	2nd Aug.	Shanghai Moji & Kobe
TANDA	6,900	3rd Aug.	Moji Kobe Osaka & Yok.
KALYAN	9,144	5th Aug.	Shanghai Moji & Kobe
TAKADA	6,949	6th Aug.	Shanghai Moji & Kobe
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Hongkong, July 6, 1926.

BERLIN PLOT.

AN INCREDIBLE STORY.

Amazing allegations to the effect that some British Conservatives, a British Cabinet Minister, and even persons in our Royal circles, were concerned in a recent alleged conspiracy against the German Republic are declared to be contained in a report drawn up by a high official of the Berlin Political Police.

This "revelation" is made in a letter addressed to the Prussian Minister of the Interior, Herr Severing, by Herr Class, one of the Nationalist leaders, whose name has been frequently mentioned in connection with an alleged plot.

Talk of English in Plot.

Herr Class declares that the Political Police official in question (Dr. Schmidt) included the following statement in his report:—

"These circles [that is, the Nationalist 'plotters'] are said to have close relations with Conservatives in England, and especially with Mr. Churchill."

"It is believed, too, that to help in carrying out the plan, and for dynastic reasons, constant financial help was forthcoming from persons in English Royal circles."

Herr Class asks the Minister what sort of persons the Political Police employs as informers; and he angrily denounces the police for alleging that upright men should be so charged with "treasonable relations with England."

He demands inquiry into the conduct of Dr. Schmidt.

Police List of German Names.

Further details of the alleged plot were given by Dr. Abegg (representing the Prussian Minister of the Interior), in the Prussian Landtag.

Dr. Abegg said that for weeks information had been pouring into the Ministry regarding the plans of the reactionaries.

On May 10 the police learned that the scheme was one for setting up a dictatorship; and names of those involved were also found out.

A number of domiciliary visits were therefore carried out by the police; and if no documentary information definitely incriminating anyone was discovered, that was because the action of the police became known in advance, and the documents were hidden.

Still, sufficient evidence was found to show conclusively that an attempt to establish a dictatorship was contemplated; and plans for a military march on Berlin were also obtained.

One of the alleged conspirators (Dr. Abegg declared) made no secret of the reactionary plans, and said that if it were a matter of a military seizure of the capital he would be among the first in the attack.

This matter was all the more serious (Dr. Abegg added) because a powerful Press endeavoured to fill official and public opinion to sleep.

That was exactly what had happened in earlier cases of the kind, especially before the Kapp coup in 1920.

Dr. Abegg's revelations were received with loud outbursts of protests from the Right of the House, and by a counter-disturbance from the Left, so that the sitting finally resolved itself into a disgraceful yelling match.

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CHANG KAI-SHEK'S INAUGURATION.

Above is seen General Chang Kai-shek, taking the salute at the inauguration ceremony at which he was invested with the title of Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Army at Canton. (Photo by courtesy Wah Kiu Yat Po).

CHANG IN OFFICE.

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the oppression of the militarists and imperialists.

After all sources of confusion shall have been eliminated, and a fundamental government established, the day will come when bandits will be thoroughly suppressed. Then, with the assiduity and alertness of the Kwangtung people and the rich resources of Kwangtung, there will be no bounds to the improvement of productive enterprises in Kwangtung.

This is not an illusion. Imperialism and Militarism are now tending towards corruption. Ultimate success will be ours. But we have to endure temporary suffering and unite together to fight with them.

WILLING TO DIE.

With all my inability, I swear to devote myself for the cause of National Revolution. I shall never dare to follow the steps of the Militarists to regard Kwangtung as my private property, and enjoy all comforts by reliance on power. I am willing to die for the people, but the people, too, have to fulfil their responsibility for self-defense. The people should strengthen their organization, set in order their procedure, try their best to co-operate with the Government, and prevent the enemy from fabricating rumours to divide us; thus rendering the base of Revolution more and more secure and the Revolutionary strength more and more extensive. Then the Kwangtung people not only will have real peace, but their burden of taxation will also be lessened. Therefore, the happiness or woe of the Kwangtung people depends upon the success or failure of the National Revolution. The people of Kwangtung should be aware of this point and exert their efforts unanimously.

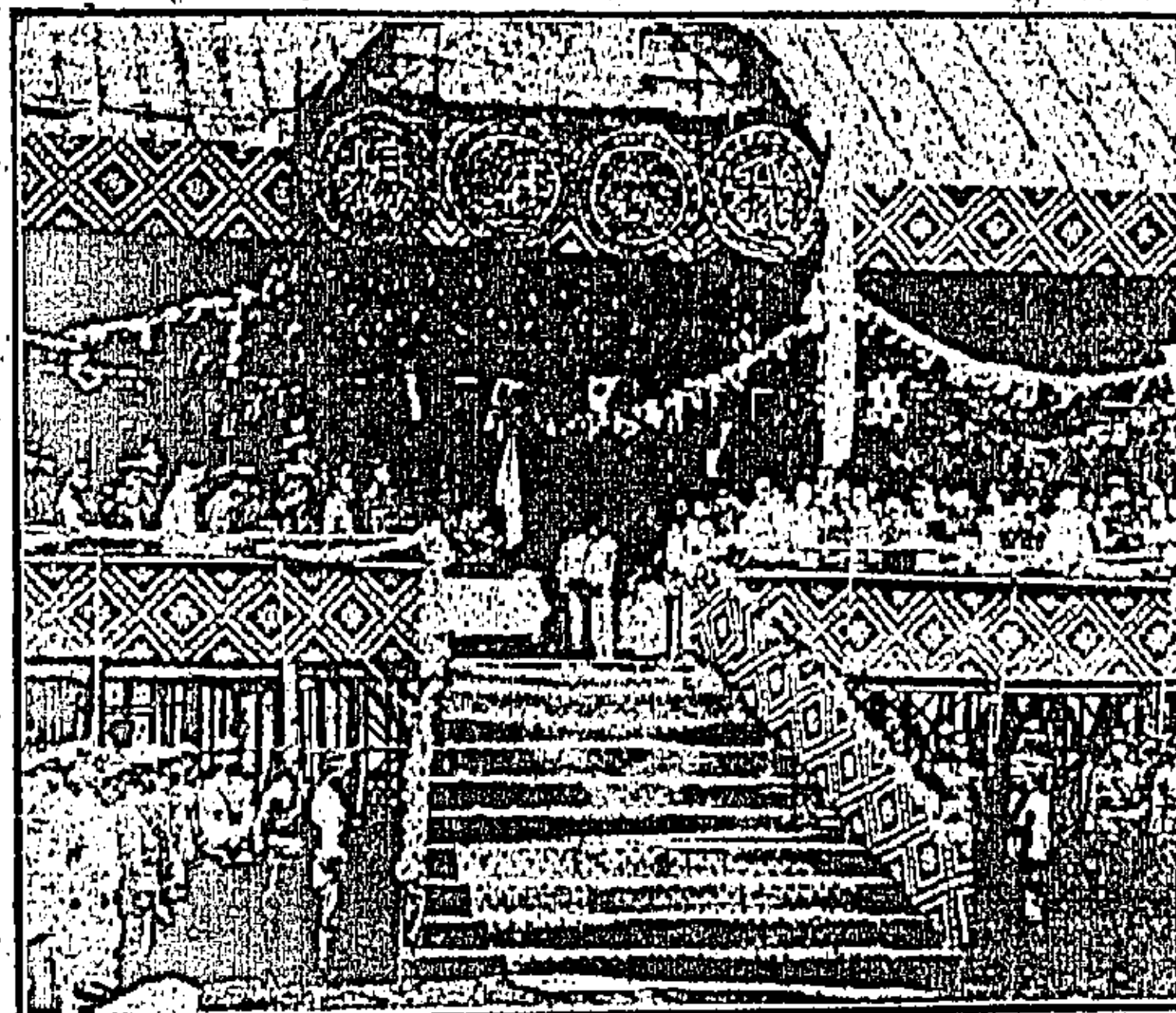
The declaration of the First Congress of All-China Kuomintang, Delegates explains the significance of democracy that all individuals or organizations which really oppose imperialism are entitled to all privileges and freedom; and that all those irrelative organizations or individuals, who betray the country and entrap the people in order to be faithful to the Imperialists and militarists are not entitled to such privileges and freedom.

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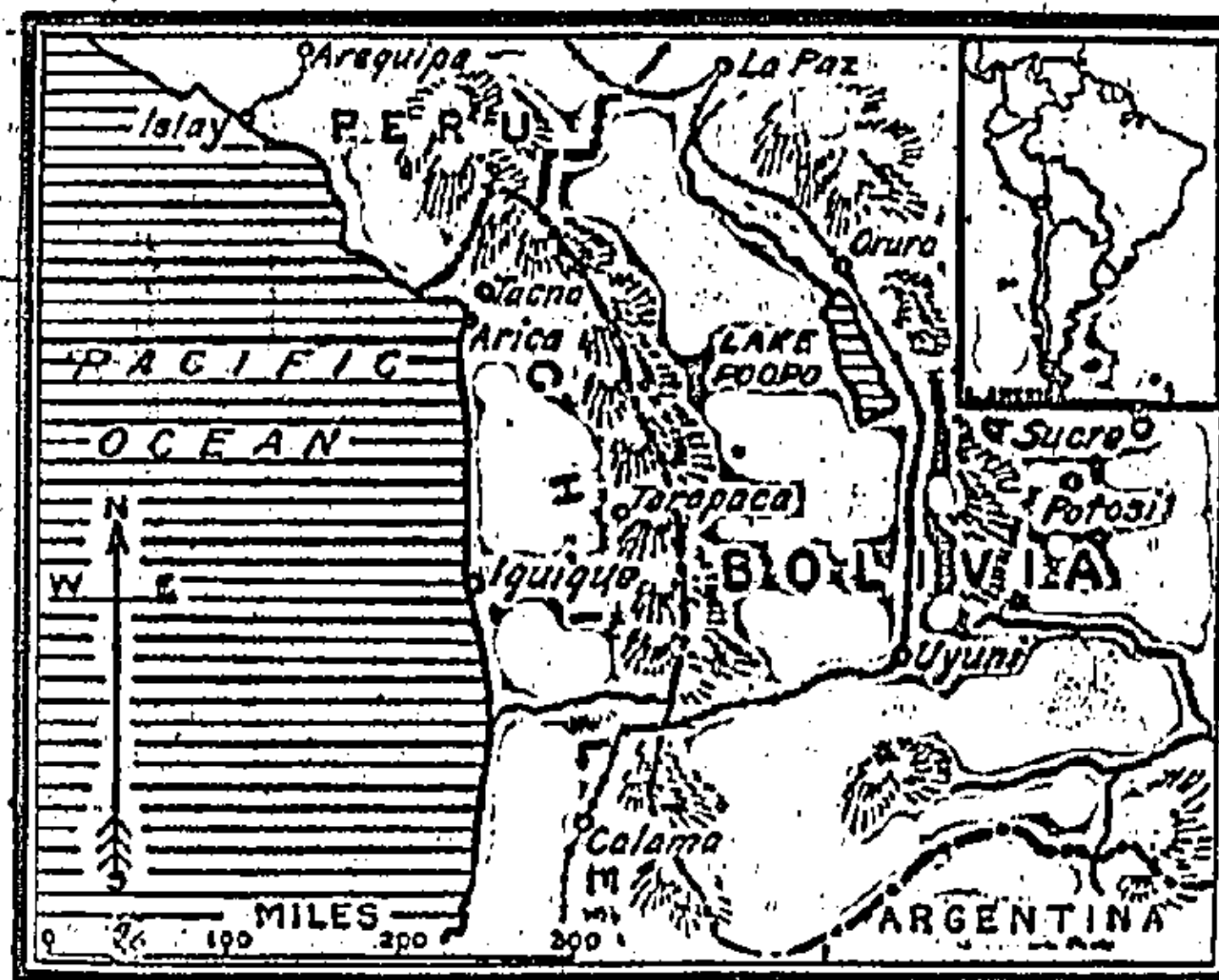
During this stage of military administration, I am determined to proceed in accordance with this principle. Those who oppose imperialism and are faithful to the National Revolution, I shall love and respect. I shall try my best to protect their freedom. Those who are willing to serve as barriers to the National Revolution and collude with the Imperialists and militarists, I shall forsake and with the people of the whole province, I shall prevent them from giving any trouble. I shall do what I can to eliminate reactionaries, and bandits, and urge pure and modest governments.

Considering the importance of the National Revolution, and the fact that the Revolutionary base is the vital point of the life of the people, it is my sincere hope that the people of the province will supervise and uphold the National Revolutionary Army.

The general public is asked to note that on and after July 15th, Kowloon buses will only stop for taking-up and setting down passengers at the places marked by signboards. Notices to this effect are being posted up.



This picture shows the gathering at the specially-erected pavilion in Canton during the taking of the oath by General Chang Kai-shek. (Photo by courtesy Wah Kiu Yat Po).

THE TACNA-ARICA DISPUTE.

The latest news regarding the Tacna-Arica dispute is that negotiations are proceeding for the handing over of both places (shown in map above) to Bolivia, with compensation to Peru and Chile.

PRAYA SHOOTING.

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without reservation to the statement that what he really suspected was arms smuggling.

It seemed that the dead man was killed by a revolver shot fired by C. 382, and he (Mr. Lindell) imagined that the jury would find that as a fact. The crux of the situation was whether the firing of that shot was, or was not, justifiable. The real question which the jury would have to decide was whether, taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration, the constable had reasonable grounds for believing that the deceased and companions were in possession of stolen goods; reasonable suspicion that they were smuggling arms or opium. That could be no excuse for firing. Merely believing, or having a bona fide suspicion that they were thieves or receivers would be no excuse for firing. The cry which was heard as stated in evidence, "Police coming, push off" might have been a warning to boat owners, who were not allowed to lie alongside the Praya at night.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS.

The questions which the jury were asked to answer, with their replies, were as follows:

If the constable had good and solid cause, such as would influence the ordinary man, with reasonable intelligence, to suspect these people of being in possession of stolen goods?—No.

Whether the constable could have effected their arrest by any other means?—this was held not to have arisen.

Did the constable fire deliberately at the deceased?—No.

Did he merely fire at the sampan in the hopes of stopping it, but without intending or desiring to hit anyone on board?—Yes; the jury adding that the thought uppermost in his mind was to stop the sampan, and, knowing there were people on board, he did not exercise enough care.

The jury further found that the man was killed by a bullet fired by C. 382.

In directing a charge of manslaughter to be brought against the constable, Mr. Lindell said he would be brought before the Court to-morrow.

Mr. King said it was not stated that the constable had reasonable grounds for desiring to arrest the persons.

Mr. Lindell replied that that question was not put to the jury.

Mr. King:—He was acting in the capacity of his duty in endeavouring to arrest these persons.

Mr. Lindell:—Possibly yes.

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Take, for example, the case of Hui Yuan-shen, young Chinese student from Soochow University, China, a member of Trinity Methodist Church, Urbana, Illinois, and a graduate student in chemistry in the University of Illinois. Hui Yuan-shen was recently awarded first prize in a contest sponsored by William F. Polham, of Chicago, for his essay on Christianity. Prizes were awarded for the best answers in our self-preservation. Politics. "Should the life teachings of Jesus Christ have a definite and constant place in the thought and life of a student? How can this best be accomplished?"

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REPORT.**

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North River at Telinguen	128.7	0	1 7.5	1 7.3	
North River at Samshui	127.3	-6.0	122.0	1 23.0	
East River at Shantung	125.0	-3	1 2.8	1 3.3	

Judges in the contest, who were the Rt. Rev. Charles P. Anderson, episcopal bishop of Chicago, S. J. Duncan-Clark, leader writer on the Chicago Evening Post, and Clifford W. Barnes, president of the Chicago Church Federation, awarded first prize to the young Chinese who declared that Christianity should have a definite place in university life. "Deep down in the human heart," says the young essayist, "there is a yearning for the Infinite Deity. Thus in religion one of the basic instincts of the human race lies in the hope of our self-preservation. Politics, socialism, education, law and the like are good, but without the spirit of love and unselfish service their value is either doubtful or negative."